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SA E. R. WHALEN (100-20356) (C)

ANTI-AIRCRAFT CONSPIRACY (AAC)  
IS - MISC.

On 5/20/70, Mr. EDWARD R. MONTGOMERY of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corp., East Hartford, Conn., furnished the following information to SA E. R. WHALEN concerning a meeting of Anti-Aircraft Conspiracy at residence of T. Pedemonte, 106 Francis Ave., Hartford, Connecticut.

"On Monday evening, May 11, 1970, a meeting of members of the Anti-Aircraft Conspiracy was held at the home of T. Pedemonte, 106 Francis Ave., Hartford, Conn. There were some 25 persons in attendance including BAMBI DDY, ROBYN LEWIS, and STEVE HEDGER.

"A major portion of this meeting was devoted to a lecture by a Professor ALLAN KAY of the University of Hartford on the history of the Black Panther movement, citing its purposes, accomplishments and philosophy. Professor KAY is presently himself living on a communal basis in New Haven with members of the Black Panthers as an observer. He commutes daily to Hartford.

"Part of this meeting was also devoted to the setting up of work shops for the orientation and education of AAC members to the purposes and principles of the Black Panther Party. They can then train others in this area. AAC members will be urged to also adopt a communal mode of living.

"An opinion derived from this meeting is that the Panthers are in favor of having such work shops organized within radical groups like the AAC so that their members can be indoctrinated into the more radical and militant approaches to protest. The AAC views these work shops as a means of supporting the Black Panthers rather than being the formation of an alliance with them."

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INDEX: THEODORE R. PEDEMONTE  
BAMBI EDDY  
ROBYN LEWIS  
STEVE HEDGER  
Prof. ALLAN KAY

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Big Man Speaking

"I need the money less so.  
(written by E.C.) then proceed  
to explain it's meaning. The  
israelites are cost. The  
BPP will not let Bobby  
be executed

He stated that it is  
practically impossible for  
the organization to continue  
the program, Comstock and Lee  
and how this country has  
become involved in a race  
war. and maintain what  
class in Korea South Korea

Champion Mao has powers  
that he should not have, and  
not able to support us.  
our struggle to overcome  
the oppression. also we  
cannot turn the South  
what he would give a good  
the way revolution, pro  
and himself as a revolution  
warrior.



He told the students that he  
could no longer remain nei-  
ral, and left the B.B.P. go.  
Hence, ever now they are  
murdering you on campus  
for nothing reasonable at  
all. For things you rig-  
hly deserve, so if you  
want to die, why not die  
fighting for better basic  
health education and medi-  
cal facilities.

# Within the next 30 to 60  
days, I want you to make  
your mind to be ready to  
rewrite the constitution of  
Babylon, ~~over~~

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-NEW) (P)

CIVIL DISTURBANCE, NORTH END, HARTFORD, CONN., JULY TWENTY EIGHT  
INSTANT. RACIAL MATTER.

CAPTAIN GEORGE LAVIGNE, COMMANDER FIELD SERVICES, HARTFORD, PD.,  
ON SEVEN TWENTY EIGHT SEVENTY ADVISED THAT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY  
TO TWO HUNDRED NEGRO YOUTHS AGED ELEVEN TO SEVENTEEN GATHERED IN  
NORTH END, ROAMED AREA BREAKING WINDOWS TURNED IN FALSE ALARMS, LOOTED  
THREE PACKAGE STORES, FOUR MARKETS AND TWO FURNITURE STORES.

TEAR GAS USED TO DISPERSE YOUTHS. NO INJURIES TO POLICE OR  
YOUTHS AS OF MIDNIGHT SEVEN TWENTY EIGHT SEVENTY WHEN SITUATION  
APPEARED UNDER CONTROL. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE. SEVERAL MEMBERS  
OF BPP HARTFORD IDENTIFIED BY POLICE AS PART OF GROUP AGITATING  
SITUATION CONTROLLED ENTIRELY BY HARTFORD PD.

RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE SEVEN TWENTY EIGHT SEVENTY.

ADMINISTRATIVE: LOCAL AGENCIES ADVISED. LHM TO FOLLOW.

LEADS: NEW HAVEN WILL OBTAIN ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE AND FOLLOW

DEVELOPMENTS.

VIA ENCRYPTED TELETYPE  
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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: NEW HAVEN (157-NEW) (P)

CIVIL DISTURBANCE, NORTH END, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, JULY  
TWENTY EIGHT, INSTANT. RACIAL MATTER.

LIEUTENANT JAMES BLESSO, HARTFORD, CONN., POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED JULY TWENTY EIGHT, INSTANT, A FIRE HYDRANT AT NELSON AND CLARK STREETS IN HARTFORD'S NORTH END, A NEGRO AREA, WAS BEING TURNED ON BY YOUTHS OUTSIDE A STORE AT THAT CORNER. STORE OWNER OBJECTED AND REPORTEDLY TRIED TO CHASE YOUTHS AWAY. IT WAS REPORTED HE HAD A GUN BUT THIS WAS NOT CONFIRMED. WITH A STICK, HE DROVE THE YOUTHS, HITTING ONE GIRL, AGE SIXTEEN, WHO WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS ARRESTED, AS WAS THE STORE OWNER, FOR HIS ASSAULT. OWNER'S WIFE TRIED TO KEEP THE STORE OPEN BUT YOUTHS BROKE IN AND LOOTED THE STORE. SHE RETREATED

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TO HER APARTMENT IN THE BACK OF THE STORE WHEREUPON THE YOUTHS ATTEMPTED TO REACH HER FROM THE BACK AND SHE REPORTEDLY FIRED A GUN TWICE, NO ONE BEING INJURED. A DELIVERY TRUCK CAME TO THE STORE AND WAS FIREBOMBED AND ANOTHER TRUCK WHICH APPEARED WAS SET UPON AND THE DRIVER HIT ON THE HEAD WITH A HAMMER. THE EXTENT OF HIS INJURIES ARE UNKNOWN. AREA BLOCKED OFF AND SHOWER HEADS PLACED ON HYDRANTS TO KEEP YOUTHS QUIET. AREA COMPARATIVELY STILL AT THIS TIME.

ADMINISTRATIVE

LOCAL AGENCIES ADVISED.

NEW HAVEN FOLLOWING THROUGH LIAISON WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 22, 1970

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2038)

SUBJECT: RONALD PAIGE LEE  
RM-BPP

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM captioned RONALD PAIGE LEE, Racial Matter-Black Panther Party. Copy of this LHM is being furnished locally to Military Intelligence Agencies inasmuch LEE is presently in the United States Army and original information obtained from that agency.

This LHM is classified "Confidential" in order to protect sources, the disclosure of which could jeopardize their future effectiveness and safety.

NH T-1 is

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

New Haven, Connecticut.

Sources contacted on 7/16/70 are as follows:

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Pretext inquiry on 7/9/70 was made by SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE. Pretext name used was JERRY WILSON, using pretext as a fellow student at Norfolk State College, Norfolk, Virginia.

RONALD PAIGE LEE is presently in the U.S. Army and living outside of Connecticut, and no pertinent information has been developed. LEE is participating in Black Panther Party activities in Hartford, or New Haven, Conn. In view of the aforementioned facts this matter is considered closed by the New Haven Division.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

July 22, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2038

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RE: RONALD PAIGE LEE

On May 6, 1970, NH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that several members of the Black Panther Party, from Hartford, Connecticut appeared at the Military Induction Center, Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut on this date for processing. Among these individuals was RONALD PAIGE LEE. NH T-1 advised these individuals appear to be members of the Black Panther Party in view of their uniform dress and their frequent shouts concerning the Black Panther Party and "BOBBY SEALE." These individuals caused a disruption, however, they were contained when officers of the 108th MIG threatened to call the police. They eventually quieted down and there was no violence.

On May 15, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Director, Adult Records Section, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for RONALD PAIGE LEE.

On May 15, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Section, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for RONALD PAIGE LEE.

On May 21, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Clerk, Hartford, Connecticut, Credit Rating Bureau, Room 500,

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25 Pratt Street, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for RONALD PAIGE LEE.

On July 9, 1970, NH T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised a review of the records of LB2 State Selective Service System revealed the following information identifiable for RONALD PAIGE LEE.

DATE OF BIRTH:	FOIA(b) (6)
PLACE OF BIRTH:	Hartford, Connecticut
SOCIAL SECURITY NO:	FOIA(b) (6)
FATHER:	HERSCHEL LEE
MOTHER:	LOUISE LEE
ADDRESS:	113 Martin Street
GRADUATE:	Hartford High School, June, 1967
COLLEGE:	Completed two years, Norfolk State College, Norfolk, Virginia
DESCRIPTION:	
RACE:	Negro
SEX:	Male
HEIGHT:	5'11"
WEIGHT:	165 pounds
HAIR:	Black
EYES:	Brown

On July 9, 1970 a suitable pretext inquiry was made by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to Mrs. LOUISE LEE, 113 Martin Street. Mrs. LEE advised she was telephonically contacted by her son, RONALD PAIGE LEE on July 11, 1970 and he stated he was presently residing at Fort Dix, New Jersey, but was due to be transferred to Fort Ord, Monterey, California on July 13, 1970.

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On July 16, 1970 sources familiar with the Black Panther Party, Hartford and New Haven, Connecticut were contacted and they all advised no contact with RONALD PAIGE LEE and no knowledge of any Black Panther Party participation by LEE in Hartford or New Haven, Connecticut.

All sources whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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~~Red car, license #FS6283 scheduled to~~

~~leave BPP hdqs 1:00PM, 8/13/70 for~~

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~~Boston in an attempt to get guns, money,~~

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Hartford, Connecticut  
August 13, 1970

A red car (make unknown) bearing Connecticut license plate #FS6283 is leaving BPP headquarters, 135 Barbour St., at about 1:00PM today. The car, occupants unknown, is going to Boston, where they will attempt to get anything they can in the form of guns, money, dynamite, etc.

SAC, NEW HAVEN

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

AUGUST 24, 1970

SA RICHARD C. BUSCHING (P)

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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Due to the above mentioned source being called to  
FOIA(b) (7) - (D) on personal business for the rest of the  
week, the following is being reduced to mem form:

On August 17, 1970 FOIA(b) (7) - (D) supplied the  
following information:

A political education class of the BPP was held  
yesterday, August 16, 1970, at which the new edition of the  
BPP newspaper was discussed without much comment.

THOMAS WILLIAM HOLLOWAY is a supporter of the  
BPP, who hangs around headquarters but he is not a member  
of the BPP.

BRUCE RYLES went to New York yesterday for a  
Central Staff meeting of the BPP.

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1-100-19186 (BPP)

1-157-1079 (BPP, HTFD)

1-157-2208 (THOMAS WILLIAM HOLLOWAY)

1-157-1310 (BRUCE RYLES)

1- FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

1-157-1311 (HEL BRASWELL)

1-157-1469 (GWEN RHODES)

1-157-1546 (GEORGE GREEN)

1-157-1268 (CORNELL WRIGHT)

1-157-1247 (PHIL WRIGHT)

1-157-1755 (TOM CORN)

1-157-1754 (GREGORY LANE)

1-157-1470 (WILLIAM WEAVER)

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The general consensus at BPP Headquarters is that any serious discussion will be restricted to adults as the kids have a tendency to get "high" and wild and consequently talk too much and get into trouble.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

A recent trip to Boston in an effort to get money or weapons was negative as the BPP, Boston is very low on funds. It seems that all BPP Chapters nationwide were asked to contribute to a fund that would be used for bail money for HUEY NEWTON and consequently most are now broke.

GWEN RHODES is a member primarily used to sell newspapers and run errands.

GEORGE GREEN hasn't been seen around the area for about the last three weeks.

The current chain of command at BPP is:

1. BRUCE RYLES
2. CORNELL WRIGHT
3. PHIL WRIGHT
- 4 & 5. TOM CORN and GREGORY LANE are equal for 4th and 5th.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## RAID ON THE HARTFORD NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO COMBAT FASCISM 135 BARBOUR STREET

August 2, 1970

On Saturday night, August 1, 1970, the Hartford fascist pigs invaded the office of the Hartford N.C.C.F., supposedly looking for a sniper on the front roof. These pigs entered the apartment without a search warrant, they tore up the apartment and destroyed clothing for the Free Clothing Program. The pigs also confiscated files which were taken away in a fire truck. The Fire Department has refused to release these materials, they deny even having taken the materials. However, residents from the community witnessed their loading the truck with materials. The Hartford pigs stole nearly \$200.00 from the office. Also the N.C.C.F. was fired upon. We deplore these fascist tactics and acts of terrorism which are being perpetrated in this community against Black and Puerto Rican people by Pig Chief Vaughn's gestapo, blood-thirsty henchmen. Also there was no cause for the raiding of this apartment; but we see this as none other than a part of the systematic plan of terrorism against the N.C.C.F. all around the country. For instance, New Bedford, Mass., N.C.C.F. was raided in a similar manner Thursday.

We are calling on all oppressed people of Hartford, Connecticut to resist these acts of terrorism and genocide being perpetrated against all of the poor oppressed people (Black people in particular). We can no longer sit by and allow the pig department of Hartford or any other city to intimidate and harass political organizations whose only crimes are serving the needs of hungry children and poor oppressed people.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE  
DEATH TO THE FASCIST PIGS

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## Forum in the Round

## Local Panthers Spell Out Aims

By DAVID EDGERLY

Attacking the American government as racist and the economic system as exploitative, four members of the Hartford chapter of the Black Panthers told an audience of 30 middle class white people Sunday about their objectives.

The meeting, in the Unitarian Meeting House, 50 Bloomfield Ave., was organized by the church's Social Responsibility Committee as part of the committee's "Forum in the Round."

One of the first things the Panthers explained was that they had been misrepresented as being simply a gang of "hoodlums."

"We're out to build up, not tear down and we'll only use violence if we're backed into a corner by people trying to rip (kill) us off the street," Thomas Corn explained.

As part of their "building up" the Panthers listed their breakfast program, medical

centers and fight to educate people not to use drugs. They said that about 60 to 75 youngsters are being fed in the breakfast program and that they hope to expand it as soon as possible.

Corn also said the Panthers aren't racist but that they're trying to unite both the black and white lower classes that "are being railroaded by the upper classes."

Ultimately, according to Corn, the Panthers hope to lead the revolution to establish a government where "all the people would have the power instead of the pig capitalists."

The term "pig" in the Panther lexicon is "a low natured beast" and is used to describe anyone who stands in the way of their revolution. The first step in the revolution, according to the Panthers, is complete community control of such functions as education, housing and police protection.

Another of the Panthers, Gre-

gorious Lane, accused the government of being racist but wasn't doing enough for employment, decent housing and education for the blacks in the country.

"The government spends a lot of time harassing the Panthers but still hasn't moved against the white racists like the Klu Klux Klan or the Minutemen," Lane charged.

The Panthers also said they were tired of all the sympathetic talk from the black and white liberals and that the time for "action" had come.

They condemned the older generation of civil rights workers as being naive for not recognizing "the racist nature of the U.S. government."

"Martin Luther King was a dynamic brother but he was also a fool for not recognizing who he was dealing with. He actually thought the pigs were going to voluntarily change their ways," Corn said.

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Hartford, Connecticut  
August 11, 1970

The son of JOHN YOUNG SR. (brother of JOHN YOUNG JR.) has come to the conclusion that it was [redacted] who turned them (YOUNG'S) and MELVIN BRASSWELL over to the police. Consequently the YOUNG'S are trying to locate [redacted] and are asking questions everywhere in the neighborhood. [redacted] is supposed to have a sister living somewhere in Hartford. [redacted] is believed to be in an unknown city in Alabama.



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BPP MEETING WITH YOUNG LORDS; BPP RALLY AT

KENEY PARK; INFO CONCERNING LOTTIE BROWN.

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- 1 - 157-1247 (PHIL WRIGHT)
- 1 - 157-1248 (GREGORY GREEN)
- 1 - 157-1510 (ROLAND FORBES)
- 1 - 157-1601 (BPP RALLIES & SPEECHES)
- 1 - 157-1560 (YOUNG LORDS)
- 1 - 157- (LOTTIE BROWN)
- 1 - 157- (EMILY WHITE)

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Hartford, Connecticut  
August 10, 1970

The BPP, Htfd. is trying to raise bail money for LOTTIE BROWN, who is currently in jail. When and if BROWN is released she is going to skip the city to places unknown.

As of last Saturday night at BPP headquarters there were 2 shotguns in the office at the entrance. One was located behind the desk and the other against the wall. It is not known where they came from.

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FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-533) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY-ARRESTS  
RM-BPP

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CIVIL DISTURBANCE, HARTFORD, CONN.,  
July, 1970

RM  
NH 157-2259 (P)

Reference following New Haven teletypes:

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(2-157-2259)

1-157-1079

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(1-157-1284)

(1-157-1611 BPP ARRESTS)

(1-157-1418 FIREARMS)

(1-157-1420 SNIPING AT POLICE OFFICERS)

(1-157-1424 VIOLENCE)

(1-157- JOHN H. YOUNG, JR.)

(1-157-2272 LOGISTER MOORE, JR.)

(1-157-2269 ROBERT J. HUDSON)

(1-157-2075 LARRY WILLIAMS)

(1-157-1775 HAROLD RICE)

(1-157-2054 CURTIS GAINES)

(1-157-1311 BUTCH BRASWELL)

(1-157-1374 CALVIN JOHNSON)

(2-157-New JOHN H. YOUNG, SR.)

(2-157-New DEBORAH YOUNG)

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8/4/70, captioned Civil Disturbance, North End,  
Hartford, Connecticut, July-August,  
1970, RM.  
8/5/70, captioned ONE E. YOUNG, JR., RM,  
BLACKSTONE RANGERS.  
8/5/70, captioned Black Panther Party-RM.  
8/6/70, captioned DUTCH BRASWELL, RM, Black  
Panther Party.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM  
regarding instant matter.

NH T-48 is FOIA(b)(7) - (D), Hartford Police  
Department. (Permanent)

NH T-9 is FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

LHM is being classified confidential because it contains  
sensitive information from a source of continuing value. Cases  
are being opened on those individuals on whom investigation  
is not now in progress.

A copy of LHM being disseminated to 108th MIG, Hartford,  
Secret Service, New Haven, United States Attorney, New Haven,  
and Alcohol, Tab and Firearms, Hartford.

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At Hartford, Connecticut

Will follow and keep Bureau advised of developments  
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Date of Report

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Date(s) of activity

8/6, 8, 10/70

Brief description of activity or material

BPP MEETING WITH YOUNG LORDS; BPP RALLY AT

KENEY PARK; INFO CONCERNING LOTTIE BROWN.

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- 1 - 157-1510 (ROLAND FORBES)
- 1 - 157-1601 (BPP RALLIES & SPEECHES)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-32), SAC, BOSTON, SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY, RM.

NH T-NINE ADVISED THIS DATE THAT A RED CAR PARKED IN FRONT OF NCCF HEADQUARTERS, ONE THREE FIVE BARBOUR ST., HARTFORD, CONN., BEARING CONN. LICENSE SF SIX TWO EIGHT THREE, WOULD DEPART HARTFORD AREA ENROUTE TO BOSTON WITH THE PANTHERS AFTERNOON OF AUGUST THIRTEEN INSTANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF "PICKING UP ANYTHING THEY CAN GET" INCLUDING GUNS, DYNAMITE, ETC. CONN. DMV REFLECTS CONN. LICENSE SF SIX TWO EIGHT THREE REGISTERED TO ALEX YOUNG, SR., FIVE FIVE PULASKI ST., HARTFORD FOR SIXTY-SEVEN RED BUICK, TWO DOOR HARDTOP.

NH T-FOUR ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ABOVE VEHICLE OBSERVED PARKED IN FRONT OF FIVE FIVE PULASKI ST. AT ONE TWENTY P.M. INSTANT. VEHICLE DEPARTED THIS ADDRESS AT TWO P.M. DRIVEN BY SEVERAL YOUNG BLACKS, INCLUDING THOMAS YOUNG, BROTHER OF JAMES YOUNG KNOWN BPP MEMBER, HARTFORD. NH T-FOUR UNABLE TO FOLLOW ABOVE MENTIONED

3 - New Haven (1 - 100-19186 BPP) (1 - 157-1418 Firearms)  
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VEHICLE, HOWEVER, VEHICLE NO LONGER OBSERVED IN HARTFORD AREA  
AFTERNOON, THIS DATE.

ADMINISTRATIVE. RE NEW HAVEN TEL CALL TO BOSTON. NH T-NINE  
IS [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] NH T-FOUR IS [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)], HARTFORD  
POLICE DEPT. NEW HAVEN WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE ABOVE  
MENTIONED VEHICLE IN HARTFORD AREA AND WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR  
RETURN OF THIS VEHICLE.

BOSTON. WILL ALERT SOURCES AND ATTEMPT TO FURNISH COVERAGE  
OF ABOVE MENTIONED VEHICLE SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL TO BOSTON FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF OBTAINING WEAPONS, ETC.

HARTFORD POLICE DEPT. AND STATE POLICE COGNIZANT.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.



Hartford, Connecticut  
August 24, 1970

BRUCE RYLES has raised about \$300 of bail money for LOTTIE BROWN and is trying to get her out today. Her bail is believed to be \$2,000.

BRUCE RYLES and WILLIAM WEAVER are going to the BPP sympathy rally on the green in New Haven tomorrow. Because of transportation difficulties, no other Panthers from Hartford are expected to attend.

LEGUSTER MOORE is now believed to be in New York.

THOMAS CORN and PHILIP WRIGHT were arrested Saturday for Harassing a policeman. It is believed that they did it for personal publicity, that is, to get their names in the paper and be "big shots". CORN'S mother has told him to call her only if he is sick and not if he is in jail.

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BAIL FOR LOTTIE BROWN, BPP RALLY, 3/25/70

IN NEW HAVEN, INFO. RE LEGUSTEE MOORE,

TOM CORN AND PHIL WRIGHT

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1-157- (LOTTIE BROWN)

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1-157-1765 (THOMAS CORN)

1-157-1247 (PHILIP WRIGHT)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Haven, Connecticut

August 13, 1970

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for Self Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY which ends with the following:

"Black Men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere. Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere!"

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...We will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of the "Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that, "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Haven, Connecticut

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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August 13, 1970

Title           BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

Character

Reference   Memorandum at New Haven dated and  
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Title of Case  <b>CHANGED PHILLIP ALVIN WRIGHT, aka; Phillip Wright Phil Wright</b>		Report made by  <b>SA RICHARD C. HENRY</b>	Typed By:  <b>jch</b>
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## SUMMARY

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The title is marked "changed" to reflect subject's complete name.

REFERENCES: New Haven airtel to Bureau, 9/29/69.  
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ADMINISTRATIVE: Subject is being recommended for the security index. Appropriate FD 122 being submitted.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report is being classified confidential because it contains information from sources of continuing value, the disclosure of which could result in the identification of these informants and jeopardize their future effectiveness.

INFORMANTS:

IDENTITY OF SOURCE

LOCATION

NHT-1 is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Hartford, Connecticut  
Police Department

157-1247-10

NHT-2 is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Hartford, Connecticut

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NHT-3 is [REDACTED]  
(GHETTO)

157-1247-1

NHT-4 is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
New Haven, Connecticut, Police  
Department

157-1247-4

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NHT-5 is [REDACTED]

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NHT-6 is [REDACTED]

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NHT-7 is [REDACTED]  
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LEADS:

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At Hartford, Connecticut

Will follow activities of subject through  
continued contact with logical sources.

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Copy to: 1-United States Attorney, New Haven  
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1-108th Military Intelligence Group

Report of: SA RICHARD C. HENRY  
Date: 8/31/70

Office: NEW HAVEN

Field Office File #: 157-1247

Bureau File #:

Title: PHILLIP ALVIN WRIGHT

Character: RACIAL MATTER - BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Synopsis: The 7/13/69 issue of Hartford Courant identified WRIGHT as a speaker at a Black Panther Party rally held 7/12/69 in Hartford, Connecticut, and as a member of the BPP in Hartford. Background developed on subject. WRIGHT active with the BPP at meetings and projects since mid-1969. Sources advise WRIGHT now is a leader of the BPP in Hartford, Connecticut.

EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED DURING ALL ENCOUNTERS WITH MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY AS THEY ARE REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTING TO PREARRANGE THE LOCATION OF INTERVIEWS IN ORDER TO KILL FBI AGENTS. DUE TO THEIR PROVEN RECORD OF ATTEMPTS TO KILL POLICE OFFICERS, ALL BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES ARE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated on an article in the July 13, 1969 issue of the Hartford Courant, a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut, identifying PHILLIP ALVIN WRIGHT as a speaker at a Black Panther Party rally held July 12, 1969 at 45 Canton Street, Hartford, Connecticut, and as a member of the Black Panther Party in Hartford.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party will be found in the Appendix, attached hereto.

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I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. BIRTH DATA

On September 26, 1969, a check of the records by EMILY MISORSKI, clerk, Connecticut State Department of Health, Vital Statistics, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, revealed that PHILLIP ALVIN WRIGHT was born on [FOIA(b)(6)] in Hartford, Connecticut. A copy of the birth certificate showed subject's father as KENNETH ALVIN WRIGHT, 51 Mahl Street, Hartford, then employed as a stockman at G. Fox and Company, 960 Main Street, Hartford. Subject's mother was listed as ANNA PEARL HUMPHREY, also of 51 Mahl Street, Hartford.

B. RESIDENCE

NHT-1 confirmed subject's residence as 12 Allen Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut.

C. EMPLOYMENT

On February 25, 1970, NHT-1 advised WRIGHT was unemployed at that time. NHT-1 advised on August 14, 1970, that WRIGHT is still unemployed and that he spends most of his time recruiting for and participating in the organization of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut.

D. EDUCATION

In June, 1970, the records of Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Director of Research, Hartford, Board of Education, 249 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut, reflected



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that subject entered Hartford Public High School, 55 Forest Avenue, Hartford, on September 9, 1964, and graduated in June, 1968. On September 26, 1969, the records of Mr. WILLIAM TEDESCO, Director of Admissions, Greater Hartford Community College, Hartford, Connecticut, advised that subject attended the 1969 Spring and Summer sessions of the college pursuing a liberal arts course of study, and was dropped from the rolls for academic failure. Mr. TEDESCO advised he could furnish no further information without the written consent of subject.

E. AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AND OPERATOR'S PERMIT

On April 15, 1970, and August 14, 1970, Personnel of the Connecticut State Department of Motor Vehicles, Title Division, Registration Division, and Operator's License Division, 60 State Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised they could locate no record on anyone identifiable with subject.

F. MARITAL STATUS

On August 14, 1970, EMILY MISORSKI, Connecticut State Department of Health, Vital Statistics, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised she could locate no information indicating the marriage of subject in Connecticut. On that date, NHT-4 advised subject is not married.

G. MILITARY

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H. CREDIT

On September 26, 1969, Mrs. SALLY PEARL Credit Rating Bureau of Hartford, Connecticut, 25 Pratt Street, Hartford, advised her records contain no information on anyone identifiable with subject. She advised her files cover persons residing in Bloomfield, Connecticut. On August 14, 1970, the files were re-checked with negative results.

I. ARRESTS

On September 26, 1969, a check of the files of Sergeant MICHAEL SCHWEIGHOFFER, Records Division, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, revealed that subject was arrested July 28, 1969, on a charge of Disorderly Conduct and was fined \$25.00. A subsequent check on August 7, 1970, revealed subject was arrested on August 2, 1970, and again charged with Disorderly Conduct. His case is now pending in Circuit Court 14, Hartford, Connecticut.

On September 26, 1969, the records of Officer MICHAEL RAPHEL, Bloomfield, Connecticut, Police Department, were checked with negative results.

Frequent checks of the records of the Hartford Police Department and of the records of Mr. PETER PUZONE, Connecticut State Bureau of Identification, State Police Headquarters, Hartford, and liaison with police sources, have revealed no further arrest information concerning subject.

J. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following description of PHILLIP ALVIN WRIGHT was obtained from the records of Local Board Number 2, 450 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, and the files of Sergeant MICHAEL SCHWEIGHOFFER, Records Division, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department:

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Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth	Hartford, Connecticut
height	5'10" - 5'11"
Weight	190-22 lb.
Hair	Black, curly
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Selective Service Number	6 2 49 1416
Social Security Number	FOIA(b) (6)
Father	KENNETH ALVIN WRIGHT
Stepfather	JOHNNIE B. DANIEL
Mother	ANNA PEARL HUMPHREY WRIGHT
Brothers	DANIEL
Aliases:	CORNELL WRIGHT, REGINALD WRIGHT, PHILLIP WRIGHT, PHIL WRIGHT

## II. BLACK PANTHER PARTY ACTIVITIES

On June 12, 1969, NHT-3 advised he met subject on that date with one LEONARD EDWARDS, and that EDWARDS told him WRIGHT was then a member of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY in Hartford, Connecticut.

On July 13, 1969, WRIGHT was identified in the Hartford Courant, a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut, as a member of the Black Panther Party in Hartford. WRIGHT was one of the speakers at a BPP rally held July 12, 1969, at 45 Canton Street, Hartford.

On September 25, 1969, NHT-4 advised subject was then receiving leadership training for the BPP in Boston, Massachusetts, and that upon completion of the training WRIGHT would return to New Haven, Connecticut, for an indefinite assignment.

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On October 14, 1969, NHT-5 advised he was not acquainted with subject

NHT-6 advised January 21, 1970, that WRIGHT was at 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, the previous night to see his brother CORNELL WRIGHT, who had just returned from Boston where he had been for about a week. The above address is that of Black Panther Party headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut.

On February 10, 1970, NHT-6 advised that WRIGHT was a member of the Black Panthers, and was to be assigned to Hartford. On February 6, 1970, WRIGHT and some other Panthers went downtown, Hartford, Connecticut, to stop at the office of LEWIS FOX to pick up a check for \$1,000, which the latter had promised to contribute to the Black Panther Party.

On February 11, 1970, NHT-6 advised WRIGHT was among a group of Black Panthers that held a meeting on Barbour Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on February 10, 1970. Others in the group were actually Blackstone Rangers, with whom the Panthers have formed a coalition. There was no mention of the purpose of the meeting.

On February 18, 1970, NHT-6 advised that on the previous day WRIGHT was with MELVIN "BUTCH" BRASWELL when the latter said he would like to look over a gun shop in Weatogue, Connecticut. BRASWELL went to look over the gunshop, but it is unknown whether WRIGHT went with him. BRASWELL is the leader of the Blackstone Rangers in Hartford.

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NHT-6 advised on February 20, 1970, that WRIGHT was one of the organizers of a breakfast program held by the Black Panthers for neighborhood children the previous morning.

On February 24, 1970, NHT-6 advised that on February 21, 1970, WRIGHT was among twenty-three Black Panthers and Blackstone Rangers at a dance they held at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut. The dance was sponsored by the Organization of Afro-American Students (O.A.A.S.) at Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven, Connecticut. The reason for the dance was to reward the Blackstone Rangers for selling over one thousand copies of the "Black Panther" newspaper in one and a half days. The whole group decided to loot cars after the dance, but discovered the cars they intended to loot had been moved. The group then went into a parking lot and left after a series of minor thefts.

NHT-6 further advised that on February 23, 1970, WRIGHT was present at a Political Education class held at 44 Norwich Street, Hartford, Connecticut, the home of REGINALD WRIGHT, a Black Panther. The class was run by CORNELL WRIGHT, also a Black Panther. REGINALD WRIGHT and CORNELL WRIGHT are subject's brothers.

On February 25, 1970, NHT-6 advised that day WRIGHT and a few other Panthers were going to make the first attempt to set up spots at certain points in Connecticut for distribution of the Black Panther newspaper. He advised on March 2, 1970, that WRIGHT went to the University of Hartford and to Central Connecticut State, New Britain, Connecticut, to distribute the Black Panther newspaper. Sales at both locations were high.

On March 18, 1970, NHT-6 advised that a funeral was held that day in Hartford, Connecticut, for a young Negro male shot by a policeman. A Negro policeman

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was observed laughing, and WRIGHT and three other Panthers used that incident to try to incite the people at the funeral to riot in Hartford, and asked if anyone had knowledge concerning the use of explosives.

NHT-6 advised on March 20, 1970, that WRIGHT went to Springfield, Massachusetts, on March 19, 1970, with other Panthers to sell the "Black Panther" newspaper at Springfield College, Alden Street, Springfield. They also sold papers at the American International College on Wellbraham Road, Springfield, and at a downtown shopping center. They sold over three hundred copies.

On March 24, 1970, NHT-6 advised that FOIA(b)(7) - (C) some other Panthers had taken over a vacant apartment at 61 Belleview Square, Hartford, Connecticut, where they made and stored Molotov cocktails for use in the next riot.

On April 20, 1970, NHT-6 advised WRIGHT attended a Black Panther Party meeting in New Haven on April 19, 1970. On April 30, 1970, he advised WRIGHT attended another meeting held April 26, 1970.

On May 6, 1970, JEFFREY MAYNARD, SA 108th MIG, New Haven, Connecticut, advised that WRIGHT and some other Panthers appeared at the Military Induction Center, Chapel Street, New Haven, for processing and that they caused a disruption. The nature of the disruption is unknown, but there was no violence.

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NHT-6 advised May 22, 1970, that on May 19, 1970, a Political Education class was held at 135 Barbour Street, Hartford. The purpose of the class was instruction in the use of weapons, and in the proper method of cleaning them after they have been fired. PHILLIP WRIGHT was present at the meeting.

On June 15, 1970, NHT-6 advised that on June 5, 1970, FOIA(b) (7) - (C) Panthers were recruiting younger Negroes for membership in the Blackstone Rangers. FOIA(b) (7) - (C) most of the other Panthers were smoking marijuana, and one purpose of the recruitment was that the younger teenagers had better access to marijuana and could therefore provide it for the Panthers.

On June 25, 1970 NHT-7 identified subject as an individual whom he has seen many times entering Black Panther headquarters, 135 Barbour Street, Hartford, Connecticut. WRIGHT is one of the leaders of the BPP, but he was unable to elaborate on any of subject's activities with the BPP.

On August 5, 1970, NHT-6 advised that WRIGHT on that day became temporary leader of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut, because of the arrests and confinement of members of the Black Panther Party on August 2, 1970. WRIGHT did not participate in the sniping, and had been arrested earlier on the evening of August 2, 1970, on a charge of Disorderly Conduct.

On August 10, 1970, NHT-6 advised WRIGHT was at a meeting of the Young Lords on August 6, 1970, in which he denounced the arrests on August 2, 1970 of eight members of the Black Panther Party in Hartford following a sniping incident at police. The Young Lords is a Puerto Rican gang in Hartford, Connecticut. He further advised that WRIGHT spoke at a Black Panther Party rally held August 8, 1970, in Keney Park, Hartford. In his speech he again denounced the police and their arrest of the Black Panthers on August 2, 1970.

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On August 17, 1970, NHT-6 advised WRIGHT is third in the chain of command of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut. He does not know if WRIGHT has an official designation in the party.



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Title PHILLIP ALVIN WRIGHT, aka;  
Phillip Wright  
Phil Wright

Character BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Reference Report of SA RICHARD C. HENRY  
dated and captioned as above  
at New Haven.

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SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY

BPP  
RM

On 8/6/70 FOIA(b)(7) - (D) furnished the enclosed BPP handout entitled "Hartford's Fascist Pigs Strike Again." A source furnished this pamphlet and stated it was being distributed throughout the Hartford area as of 8/6/70. This handout refers to recent arrest of NCCF members in Hartford area and was reportedly put out by "The Hartford NCCF, 135 Barbour St., Hartford, Conn."

The original copy of referenced handout is being maintained for evidentiary purposes in 100-19186-Sub M and will be reported appropriately in the next evidentiary report.

**LEADS**

**AT HARTFORD, CONN.**

Will identify ALAN, LOTTIE, and TOMMY (possibly TOM CORN) at Hartford.

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1 157-1079  
1 157-1268 CORNELL WRIGHT  
1 157-1310 BRUCE RILES  
1 157-1897 JAMES YOUNG  
1 157-1754 GREGORY LANE  
1 157-1755 TOM CORN  
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# HARTFORD'S FASCIST PIGS STRIKE AGAIN!

PIGS RAIDED THE NCCF OFFICE ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND ARRESTED TEN NCCF MEMBERS.

THEY DESTROYED ALL OF THE PEOPLE'S CLOTHING FOR THE "FREE CLOTHING PROGRAM" STOLE \$200.00 OF THE PEOPLE'S MONEY SOLE FILES + RECORDS. THE OFFICE WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED. WE'RE ASKING THE PEOPLE TO COME TO THE OFFICE AND SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT THESE PIGS DID. ONLY YOU CAN JUDGE THEIR ACT

BROTHERS & SISTERS ARE BEING RAILED UP CHARGES: CONSPIRACY TO ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER, & POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA + CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE NARCOTIC LAWS. ALAN, LOTTIE, CURNELL, BR ARTHUR, JAMES, GREGORY, TOMMY AND A OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS MUST BE SET FREE!

DEATH TO THE PIGS  
HARTFORD NCCF  
135 BARBOUR ST

SAC, New Haven (100-19186)

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Director, FBI (105-165706)

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)  
NEW HAVEN DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurtel dated 7/30/70, captioned, "Civil Disturbances North End, Hartford, Conn., 7/19/70, Racial Matters."

Contents of referenced teletype indicate BPP at Hartford is acquiring weapons for Puerto Ricans and BPP. Members have been stealing gasoline for future use in the manufacture of fire bombs. Promptly examine local and Federal gun laws for any violations of these statutes by BPP members. Through racial informants and other sources, endeavor to identify BPP members obtaining weapons, obtain descriptive data concerning the weapons, whether or not weapons were stolen, and where they are currently stored. Maintain close liaison with local authorities concerning BPP trafficking in firearms and related matters.

In connection with BPP storing of gasoline for fire bombs, you should be guided by instructions contained in SAC letter 70-18C captioned, "New Left and Black Extremist Terrorism-Bombing Matters." Identify individual BPP members involved in this operation and consider their activities in the light of possible violations of the antiriot laws.

Alert racial and Puerto Rican informants to develop information concerning ties between Puerto Rican extremist groups and the BPP.

Determine all circumstances concerning BPP involvement and racial disturbances in Hartford. Information obtained by you through investigation from racial sources should be treated as evidence, if there appears to be a violation of Federal or local law. Keep the Bureau fully informed on a timely basis.

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(C) NEW LEFT AND BLACK EXTREMIST TERRORISM - BOMBING MATTERS -- In accordance with existing instructions, every bombing or attempted bombing is to be reported to the Bureau by teletype or telephone. The Bureau's basic statute in Bombing Matters is Section 837, Title 18, U. S. Code; note that Molotov cocktails, other incendiary devices and industrial explosions do not come within the purview of this statute and should not be characterized as bombing matters. The Department's basic policy with regard to this section is that Congress clearly intended primary jurisdiction to remain at the state and local level. Active investigation under this statute is instituted only upon the specific request of the Department and the Department is highly selective and restrictive in requesting investigations. While active investigation should not be instituted under the Bombing Matters character in the absence of a Departmental request, many bombings may require immediate investigation under some other criminal statute such as those dealing with civil rights, destruction of Government property, damaging aircraft or motor vehicles, train-wrecking, crimes on a Government reservation, destruction of interstate property, sabotage, and interference with the Selective Service System. When these or other substantive offenses within the Bureau's primary jurisdiction are involved, action should be taken as required by instructions relating to the particular classification, and the violation involved should be carried as the principal character on all communications. If there is any question as to whether the facts constitute a violation, the initial communication should set forth the opinion of the U. S. Attorney or show that his opinion will be immediately obtained, except that the opinion of the U. S. Attorney should not be sought with regard to Section 837, Title 18, U. S. Code, civil rights statutes or matters involving labor disputes.

Whether or not active investigation is to be instituted, local authorities are to immediately be offered our cooperation consisting of the facilities of the Identification Division and FBI Laboratory and the coverage of out-of-state leads. The initial communication to the Bureau should show this has been done or is being done. If there is some overriding reason why such cooperation should not be offered this is to be set forth with full justification in the initial communication.

When substantive investigation is being undertaken by the FBI, every effort should be made to obtain custody of all physical evidence for appropriate laboratory examination for tracing to its source. If

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substantive investigation is not being instituted, local authorities should be encouraged to preserve all physical evidence.

Concerning instances of bombing or arson which appear to have New Left or black extremist connotations or motivation, where no Bureau substantive jurisdiction exists or the Department has advised no investigation is warranted, you are immediately to advise the Bureau, utilizing a dual caption which first sets forth a description of the bombing or arson incident and is following by "New Left Movement - Violence; IS - Miscellaneous," or "Black Nationalist Movement; RM." Do not use a "Bombing Matter" character. A copy should be designated for Bureau file 100-446997-73 or 157-8415, whichever is appropriate. Information is to be set out as to the specific informants contacted and police liaison set up in conformance with instructions detailed in letter to all Special Agents in Charge Number 68-41 (H) dated July 23, 1968. Information should also be included concerning local conditions which would make involvement of subversive groups or individuals suspect in the incident, such as recent campus disorders or statements by local extremists. You should also submit your recommendations as to any additional investigation which is warranted to resolve whether subversive groups or individuals were involved. Care and good judgment should be exercised to avoid the impression being made on local authorities that the Bureau is indiscriminately investigating local violations.

You are expected to take an aggressive attitude toward these matters, bearing in mind the Bureau's responsibility to determine the full extent of subversive activities affecting the internal security of the Nation and the expressed concern of the President, Attorney General and other high officials that subversive groups are engaging in these terroristic acts.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-2259)

CIVIL DISTURBANCE, NORTH END, HARTFORD, CONN., JULY TWENTY EIGHT SEVENTY. RACIAL MATTER.

ON AUGUST FIVE INSTANT SGT. MICHAEL SCHWEIGHOFFER, HARTFORD, CONN. PD., ADVISED CURRENT ESTIMATE OF MONEY DAMAGE FROM ALL FIRES ARISING OUT OF INSTANT MATTER IS ONE MILLION DOLLARS. FINAL TABULATION NOT COMPLETE.

ON AUGUST FIVE INSTANT CHIEF EDWARD CURTIN, HARTFORD, CONN. FIRE DEPT., ADVISED THAT THE LATEST ESTIMATE BY HIS DEPARTMENT OF FIRE DAMAGE IN INSTANT MATTER IS ONE MILLION. TOTAL OF THIRTY FIREBOMBS WERE SET OFF. NO SEPARATE BREAKDOWN MADE OF MONEY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM FIRE BOMBS AND DAMAGE FROM OTHER FIRES RELATED TO INSTANT MATTER. ADMINISTRATIVE: RE NH TEL SEVEN TWENTY EIGHT SEVENTY.

NEW HAVEN WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT TOTAL ESTIMATE OF FIRE AND FIREBOMB DAMAGE UPON COMPLETION OF FINAL TABULATION.

LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

END...

CC'S 157-533, 157-1079, 100-19186

VIA ENCRYPTED TELETYPE

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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SA RICHARD C. HENRY

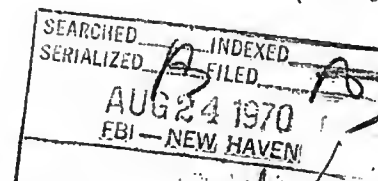
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RM - BPP

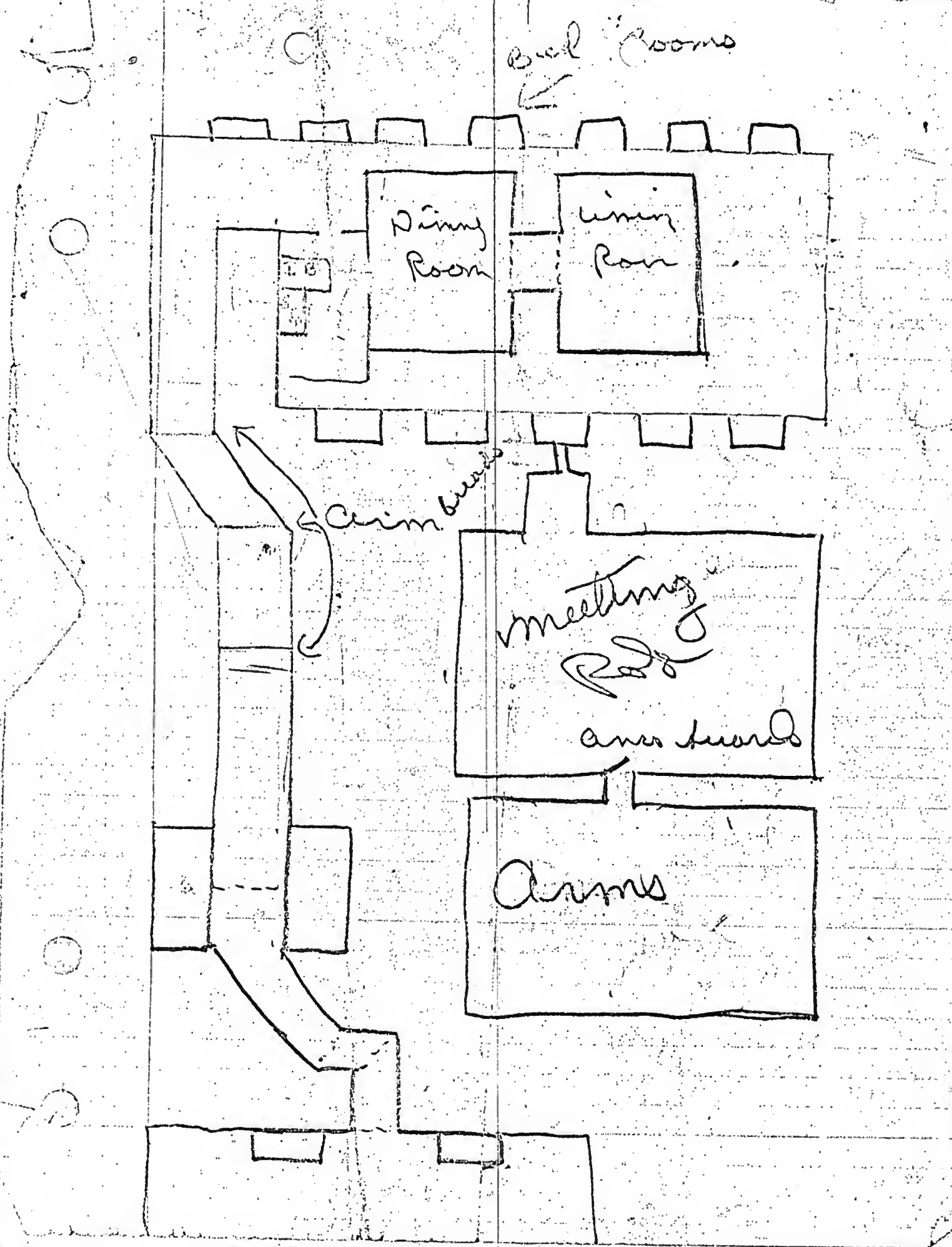
Attached hereto is one copy of what is apparently a floor plan of Black Panther Party headquarters in Hartford, Connecticut. The floor plan was obtained on 8/2/70 by the Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department at Black Panther Headquarters, 135 Barbour Street, Hartford, in a search that date incident to the arrests of members of the BPP at the headquarters.

The attached copy was furnished to SA RICHARD C. HENRY by Detective ROBERT FLANNIGAN, Hartford Police Department, on 8/3/70.

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September 8, 1970

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RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

A characterization of the Black Panther Party appears in the Appendix.

On September 2, 1970, NH T-9 furnished the enclosed report reflecting the existence of an organization called the "Panther Juniors". This report originated at National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF) headquarters, 156 Barbour Street, Hartford, Connecticut, and reportedly is destined for national Black Panther Party (BPP) headquarters. This report is as follows:

" For National

NCCF  
156 Barbour St.  
Hartford, Conn.  
06120

" Dear National

"This is a letter from the Panther Juniors. We have started our own organization and we want to be heard throughout the country of Babylon. Brother HUEY P. NEWTON is free and now we want Brother BOBBY to be free, New York 21, Hartford 9, the New Haven 9, and also the Soulostad brothers.

"We want to stop the New Haven railroad to free LONNIE MCLUCAS and All Political Prisoners. We want to get even with these fascist m----- f----- pigs that raided the Hartford office on some kind of b----- s----. We want to get out there and start rapping to

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"the people of our communities to let them know what's going on right behind Their backs.

"We want our people to live in houses without rats and roaches in them. And we don't want some of our brothers and sisters out of jail, we want them ALL FREE. We want to get out there and start relating to the people and let them know what this fascist pig is doing to them and their homes, and their lives. We want to fill their heads with political education.

"The pigs are always trying to get us on some trumped-up charge, and so now we got to stop this and also brutality and murder of black people. So if we don't start rapping to our black communities, they will worsen than they are now. We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing for our black community, the housing and land should be made into cooperatives so that

"We the people threw out of the nation of Babylon, are of the racist dog pigs coming into our community trying to patrol the people.

"It is time to intensify the struggle of the black peoples of Babylon.

"The people are now saying, "If you don't believe in lead, you're already dead". The people are tired of these nigger lackey oreo's who are black on the outside and white on the inside, And if they don't like it, they wasn't it from the begining.

"All Power to the People  
Death to the fascist pigs.  
And we're going to free all  
Political prisoners: and also  
Sister LOTTIE of the Hartford  
NCCF.

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"Junior Panthers  
156 Barbour St.  
Hartford, Conn.  
Minister of Defense  
JAMES THOMAS  
Seize the Time"

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-32)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM reflecting a BPP affiliate organization entitled "Panther Juniors". Enclosed for San Francisco are 2 copies of the above LHM.

NH T-9 is FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

The LHM is classified confidential in order to protect a source of continuing value, the disclosure of which would tend to identify this source and jeopardize his future effectiveness.

LOTTIE BROWN and JAMES THOMAS mentioned here are known associates of the NCCF in Hartford, Conn.

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Will at Hartford, Conn., continue investigation and attempt to further identify organization entitled "Panther Juniors" as well as its leadership and membership.

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Hartford, Connecticut  
September 2, 1970

The following plans have been formulated for the Hartford's BPP participation in the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia the weekend of September 5-7.

WILLIAM WEAVER will drive his pick-up truck to Pennsylvania on Friday, where leaders are supposed to meet a day before the rest of the people arrive. Riding in the front seat with WEAVER will be BRUCE RYLES and his current girlfriend, LOTTIE BROWN. In the back will be CORNELL WRIGHT and maybe 2 or 3 others. For sleeping quarters in Pennsylvania, 2 or 3 mattresses will be set up in the back of the pick-up truck.

On Saturday a bus load of BPP sympathizers will leave for Pennsylvania. The bus is to be leased from Post Road Stages, Strong Road, South Windsor and has a capacity of 45 passengers, which is expected to be all filled up.

Current plans are to remain at 135 Barbour Street until forced to leave.

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Hartford, Connecticut  
August 28, 1970

On August 25, 1970, ROLANDO MONTAE, a BPP member from Philadelphia, was arrested by state police on I 91 between exits 13 and 14, while driving the BPP green van (HH8689) from Boston to New Haven. MONTAE, when he first saw the police begin to follow him, threw a small automatic handgun out of the window into the woods. The police searched for this weapon but it is not known if they found it. The BPP van was left on the highway where it was eventually towed to New Haven by WILLIMA WEAVER, a BPP member from Hartford driving a green Chevrolet pickup truck (M2786).

BUTCH BRASWELL will have no more to do with the BPP in Hartford because they were unable to get him out of jail recently. BRASWELL commands more respect and support in the north end of Hartford than the BPP.

ROBERT WEBB of BPP, New Haven promised that he will try to get to Hartford tomorrow, Saturday and straighten out the BPP chapter there. WEBB hopes to straighten out the party by expelling members, who are dope addicts and keeping kids, who do not belong there, out of BPP Headquarters.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut 06510

September 8, 1970

RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

A characterization of the Black Panther Party (BPP), state and national, is attached hereto.

Detective JERRY BURR, Intelligence Division, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised August 3, 1970, that ten persons known to him as members of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut, were arrested August 2, 1970, at Black Panther Party headquarters, 135 Barbour Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

The following individual was arrested and charged with Assault with Intent to Kill, Possession of Marijuana, and Conspiracy to Violate the State Narcotics Laws:

ROBERT J. HUDSON

Date of Birth: FOIA(b) (6)

Residence: 161 Barbour Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

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18 - New Haven  
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RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

The following individuals were arrested and charged with Conspiracy to Assault with Intent to Kill, Possession of Marijuana, and Conspiracy to Violate the State Narcotics Laws:

BRUCE L. RYLES

Date of Birth:

FOIA(b) (6)

Residence: 135 Barbour Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

ROBERT GREGORY LANE

Date of Birth:

FOIA(b) (6)

Residence:

THOMAS CORN

Date of Birth:

FOIA(b) (6)

CORNELL WRIGHT

Date of Birth:

Residence:

LOTTIE RUTH BROWN (McGRIFF)

Date of Birth:

FOIA(b) (6)

Residence: 135 Barbour Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

ARTHUR HOLIDAY

Date of Birth:

FOIA(b) (6)

Residence: 135 Barbour Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

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RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

ALLEN SMITH

Date of Birth: [FOIA(b) (6)]

Residence: 135 Barbour Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

and the following juveniles:

[FOIA(b) (7) - (C)]

Date of Birth: [FOIA(b) (6)]

Residence: 135 Barbour Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

[FOIA(b) (7) - (C)]

Date of Birth: [FOIA(b) (6)]

Residence: 651 Garden Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

The latter two individuals were referred to juvenile court.

The above arrests occurred during a period of continuing civil disturbance in Hartford, Connecticut, that began the evening of July 28, 1970. ROBERT J. HUDSON allegedly fired a revolver at a Hartford policeman from 135 Barbour Street, Hartford; and he and the other occupants of the building surrendered to police. A search of the premises by the police incident to the arrest produced a cache of weapons and ammunition, and miscellaneous Black Panther documents.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on August 3, 1970, that he knows all of the above-listed individuals as members of the Black Panther Party in Hartford. Source advised that 135 Barbour Street, Hartford, is the address of the headquarters of the Hartford Chapter of the Black Panther Party (National Committee to Combat Fascism) in Connecticut.

APPENDIX**BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka**  
**Black Panther Party for Self Defense**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-32)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
RM - BPP

Re New Haven teletype of 8/2/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM re instant matter.

Source utilized in LHM is FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Cases are being opened on those individuals of whom investigation is not now being conducted. The LHM is being classified confidential because it contains sensitive information from a reliable source.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)

(18) - New Haven

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(1) - 157-1079)

(1 - 157-1611 BPP ARRESTS)

(1 - 157-1311 BRUCE RYLES)

(1 - 157-1754 GREGORY LANE)

(1 - 157-1755 THOMAS CORN)

(1 - 157-1268 CORNELL WRIGHT)

(1 - 157-2197 ZACHARY BROWN)

(1 - 157- LOTTIE BROWN)

(1 - 157-2198 JAMES MAHONE)

(2 - 157-new ROBERT HUDSON)

(2 - 157-new ARTHUR HOLLIDAY)

(2 - 157-new ALLEN SMITH)

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9/14/70

AIRTEL

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FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)  
SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
FILMS AND PUBLICATIONS  
RM

Re: Bureau airtel to Albany, 9/3/70.

For the information of the Bureau, FOIA(b)(7) - (D) (NM T-9 permanent) has furnished copies of BPP films entitled, "Off the Pigs", "HUEY NEWTON's Birthday", and "Little Bobby's Funeral." This source has been alerted to obtain additional copies of all BPP films and films being utilized by the BPP in Conn. On 9/14/70, Al Powell Det. Bureau, Hartford P.D., advised that his department obtained two BPP films from NCCF headquarters, 135 Barbour St., Hartford, Conn. These films are, "HUEY NEWTON's Birthday" and "On Strike." The film "On Strike" may be identical with "San Francisco State College" mentioned in referenced Bureau communication. Efforts by the NCCF in Hartford to obtain these films is continuing and court action is expected in the near future on the part of NCCF in Hartford. The Bureau is requested to advise New Haven if it is desirable to reproduce these films since both are already in the possession of the Bureau.

It is noted that these films may have been obtained illegally since the raid on NCCF headquarters was to search for weapons and not films. The New Haven Office will follow this matter closely.

- 2 - Bureau
- ④ - New Haven
  - 1 - 100-19186
  - 1 - 157-1526 (Films and Publications)
  - ① - 157-1032 (NCCF, Bridgeport)
  - ① - 157-1079 (NCCF, Hartford)

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Sources in New Haven, Bridgeport, and Hartford have been contacted and will be recontacted concerning the acquiring of BPP films for evidentiary purposes. The Bureau by referenced communication has advised that it is presently in the possession of the following films:

- "Riot Control"
- "Bobby Seale From Jail"
- "San Francisco State College"
- "May Day 3"

The Bureau has stated that it does not possess the following films:

- "Nova Scotia Byways"
- "Democratic National Convention-Chicago"
- "Community Control in Schools"
- "Breakfast Programs Number One and Two"
- "America's Number One Health Problem"

The Bureau desires additional copies of the following: It should be noted that it should be obtained in evidentiary form in the event of prosecution.

- "Off the Pig"
- "HUEY NEWTON's Birthday"
- "Little Bobby's Funeral"
- "What Do These People Want"
- "Battle of Algiers"

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At Bridgeport, Connecticut

NH 100-19186

Will continue to target NCCF sources towards the obtaining of above-mentioned films.

At Hartford, Connecticut

Will continue efforts to obtain films not already in Bureau's possession.

At New Haven, Connecticut

Will continue to target sources for obtaining above films.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Haven (100-19186)

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (105-165706-32)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)  
HARTFORD NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO  
COMBAT FASCISM (NCCF) CHAPTER  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 9-11-70

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Director, FBI (100-165706-32)

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FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
RM - BPP

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) (NH T-12), who reports on activity of the Black Panther Party, New Haven Chapter, 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, advised on 10/1/70 of the following activities which occurred on 10/1/70:

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) . NAPIER said that Hartford and Bridgeport NCCFs are to be cut and gotten rid of. ROSEMARY said she knew but was not certain whether the people were to come down to New Haven to work or what. Neither Hartford or Bridgeport were to receive any BPP papers this week.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 4 - San Francisco (157-1204) (RM)
  - (157-ELBERT HOWARD) (RM)
  - (157-4294) (NCCF) (RM)
  - (157-MELIQUE LNU) (RM)
- ⑥ - New Haven (100-19186) (BPP)
  - (157-1032) (BPP - Bridgeport)
  - (157-1079) (BPP - Hartford)
  - (157-1215) (SAM NAPIER)
  - (157-2347) (ROSEMARY MEALY)
  - (157-1811) (ELBERT HOWARD)

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9/28/70

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2248) (P)  
SUBJECT: CHANGED  
KENNETH EUGENE SPEIGHT, aka;  
Olmeda Speight  
RM-BPP

The title has been changed to add subject's alias.

Reference New Haven teletype to Bureau dated 9/17/70  
and Bureau airtel to New Haven dated 9/21/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM re  
instant matter.

LHM is being classified confidential as it contains  
information of a sensitive nature and of particular  
interest to the Bureau.

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At Hartford, Connecticut

Will follow and advise of results of Grand Jury pro-  
ceedings in instant matter.

2-Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)  
2-New Haven (157-2248)  
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New Haven, Connecticut  
September 28, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Re: KENNETH EUGENE SPEIGHT, also known as  
Olmeda Speight

A characterization of the Black Panther Party will  
be found in the Appendix, attached hereto.

On September 17, 1970, Special Agent Richard Weronik, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Federal Building, 450 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised that Kenneth Eugene Speight, date of birth October 8, 1950, Goldsboro, North Carolina, residence 214 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, Connecticut, was arrested at approximately 10:05 a.m. on September 10, 1970 pursuant to a warrant issued September 9, 1970 by United States Commissioner Thomas F. Parker, 450 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut. The warrant charged Speight with possession of incendiary devices or bombs in violation of Title 26 United States Code, Section 5861 (D), which is part of Title II of the Gun Control Act of 1968. Section 5861 (D) provides as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to receive or possess a firearm which is not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record".

Special Agent Weronik advised that he and another agent of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms arrested Speight at Circuit Court 14, 155 Morgan Street, Hartford, Connecticut. There was no incident, and Speight was promptly taken before United States Commissioner Parker, who released Speight on a \$1,500 non-surety bond.

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Re: KENNETH EUGENE SPEIGHT

On September 23, 1970, Special Agent Weronik advised that the violations upon which the arrest warrant was based are alleged to have occurred on two separate occasions. On the first occasion, July 19, 1970, Speight allegedly threw an incendiary device - a firebomb - at a bus on Barbour Street in the North End of Hartford, Connecticut. Weronik located the driver of the bus, who identified subject from a photograph as the individual who threw the firebomb. There were no corroborating witnesses. No arrest was made by local police.

On the second occasion, July 20, 1970, Speight and three others were stopped by the Hartford, Connecticut Police in possession of a stolen car. Two escaped into some woods, and Speight and another were arrested. A driver for Walter's Service, 305 Sigourney Street, Hartford, who towed the stolen automobile, found four incendiary devices in it. The devices consisted of three bottles filled with liquid, with wicks attached, and another vessel probably containing powder. The contents have not been identified, and the devices are in possession of the State of Connecticut Department of Health Toxicology Laboratory for analysis. Local police have not charged Speight with possession of the incendiary devices.

Special Agent Weronik advised that the warrant for the arrest of Speight is based solely on the above information.

FOIA(b)3 - Rule 6(e), Grand Jury

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FROM: NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, RM - BPP

ON OCT. SIX LAST DET. ALPHONSO POWELL, HARTFORD, CONN. PD ADVISED THAT PHILLIP ALVIN WRIGHT AND MITLEAN WRIGHT, HARTFORD BLACK PANTHERS, WERE ARRESTED AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE NOON, OCT. SIX LAST IN HARTFORD.

THE ARRESTING OFFICER ASKED SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS GROUPED IN NORTH HARTFORD TO DISPERSE. ALL DISPERSED BUT PHILLIP WRIGHT AND MITLEAN WRIGHT. MITLEAN WRIGHT WAS ARRESTED WHEN SHE REFUSED TO DISPERSE AND WAVED HER ARMS AND SHOUTED OBSCENITIES AT THE OFFICER. PHILLIP WRIGHT ALSO SHOUTED OBSCENITIES AND THREATENED THE OFFICER WITH PHYSICAL HARM IF HE DID NOT LET MITLEAN WRIGHT GO.

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1-100-19186  
1-157-1247 (PHILLIP WRIGHT)  
1-157-2361 (MITLEAN WRIGHT)  
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PHILLIP WRIGHT WAS CHARGED WITH VERBAL ABUSE OF AN OFFICER AND IS IN CUSTODY IN LIEU OF BOND. MITLEAN WRIGHT WAS CHARGED WITH LOITERING AND VERBAL ABUSE OF AN OFFICER AND WAS RELEASED ON HER PROMISE TO APPEAR. NO FURTHER INCIDENTS REPORTED.

ON OCT. SEVEN INSTANT, MISS GANNINE DION, SECRETARY, PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, HARTFORD, ADVISED THAT PHILLIP WRIGHT IS IN CUSTODY IN LIEU OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS BOND AND BOTH MITLEAN WRIGHT AND PHILLIP WRIGHT WILL APPEAR IN CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEEN, HARTFORD, THIS AFTERNOON, OCT. SEVEN INSTANT. NEW HAVEN FOLLOWING AT HARTFORD.  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN FOIA(b) (7) - (D)(P)

DATE: 10/29/70

FROM : SA RICHARD C. HENRY

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☐ PC ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R (Prob)  
☒ PRI-GHETTO

SUBJECT: FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)	
157-1079	
157-533	
157-2386	
157-2375	
Purpose and results of contact	
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Source advised that the ghetto area of Hartford, Connecticut, has been calm in recent weeks. He knows of no recent incidents which might possibly lead to racial disturbance in Hartford, and advised that to his knowledge there have been no student flareups in schools in the North End of Hartford. He advised that local issues such as the Clay Hill Middle School controversy (a program for providing an inter-racial atmosphere in the school by bussing in white students from the suburbs, which is opposed by many suburban parents) seem to have taken precedence over violence-oriented racial matters at present. He had no further information.	
Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Coverage Fair
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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510 Trust Company Building  
New Haven, Connecticut

November 4, 1970

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REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONVENTION ORGANIZED BY THE  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

On November 3, 1970, NH T-9 advised that the Black Panther Party in New Haven, Connecticut, was attempting to lease a bus from a company in Hartford, Connecticut, which could be utilized in transporting members of the Black Panther Party to the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention to be held in Washington, D.C., November 27 - 29, 1970. This source stated that at the present time the only Black Extremist Organization that will attend would be the Black Panther Party located in New Haven, Conn. He advised that the National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF) in Bridgeport and Hartford, Connecticut, had recently been disbanded and would probably not send representatives at this time.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party and the Students for a Democratic Society are contained in the Appendix.

The National Committee to Combat Fascism has been described as the information arm of the BPP.  
NH T-17 on October 26, 1970.

Source further advised that no white organizations were known to be traveling to attend this convention. Source was unable to furnish information concerning Communist Party

11-Bureau

2-San Francisco

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10-New Haven (2-157-2207)

1-100-19186 1-105-10348

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RE: REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONVENTION ORGANIZED BY THE  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

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influence, the use of weapons or explosives, nor the attendance by outstanding personalities. He stated that no literature or publications had been printed or distributed in the New Haven, Connecticut, area nor had he heard of any plans for violence or disruptive activities. The financing of this trip would require a small donation on the part of members attending the convention and housing would be expected upon their arrival in Washington, D.C. No agenda nor estimated number was available at this time. Source stated that the only transportation being considered at the present time was bus and private automobile.

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APPENDIX

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against the United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title, "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventurist elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasis organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed

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themselves to be Communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

A second source has advised that the PLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students, is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy, internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

APPENDIXPROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the FOP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution" a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio", a monthly newspaper.

The April 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life -- where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.



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November 4, 1970

Title      REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL  
             CONVENTION ORGANIZED BY THE BLACK  
             PANTHER PARTY

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Reference    Memorandum dated and captioned  
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NHfile 157-1754 (P)

THOMAS CONLEY CORN, aka  
RM-BPP  
NHfile 157-1755 (P)  
Bufile 157-18769

KENNETH EUGENE SPEIGHT, aka  
RM-BPP  
Bufile 157-18856  
NHfile 157-2248 (P)

Re: New Haven airtel to Bureau, dated January 19, 1971.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM concerning subjects.

Source utilized in LHM is FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

LHM is being classified Confidential as it contains information from a source of continuing value.

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12/21/70

Date of Report

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Date(s) of activity

12/16/70

Brief description of activity or material

Meeting 35 Sylvan Ave., between WEBB and

PLP to help organize. Meetings of PLP held

at So. Green Church, Hartford.

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\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

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1 - 157- (EDIE JACKSON)  
1 - 157-1471 (WILLIAM WEAVER)  
1 - 157-1944 (BUBBA)  
1 - 157-1310 (BRUCE RYLES)  
1 - 157-2186 (LOTTIE BROWN)  
1 - 157-1268 (COOKIE WRIGHT)  
1 - 157-1840 (WAYNE RYLES)  
1 - 157-1248 (GREGORY GREEN)  
1 - 157-2233 (ORLANDO ROSA)  
1 - 105-10338 (JOSE CLAUDIO)  
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December 18, 1970

There was a meeting in New Haven December 16, 1970, held at 35 Sylvan Ave., at which there were present:

ROBERT WEBB  
GEORGE EDWARDS  
EDIE JACKSON  
WILLIAM WEAVER

BUBBA  
CHARLES LOGAN of the PLP  
HECTOR LNU, Assistant Minister  
of the PLP Info

WEBB had made a request that CHARLES and HECTOR come to the meeting for he wanted to try to organize them into a strong group. At the meeting WEBB gave them two leaflets used by NCCF to organize. He stated this should be used by them as a guide.

BRUCE RYLES has been seen back in Hartford. He is now living with LOTTIE BROWN at 108 Clark St., and also at 105 Kensington St. He would like to obtain employment at the CRT for his friend COOKIE WRIGHT is working there at this time. WAYNE RYLES, brother of BRUCE, is looking for the guns they used to have, and which he thought were at the home of GREGORY GREEN, but he found they had been moved from there by COOKIE.

There are Puerto Rican papers brought to Connecticut from New York. They come to Bridgeport and then are distributed to the rest of the areas.

Meetings of the PLP are held at the South Green Church, Main St., Hartford, at the church of Re . PICKETT. Usually about 50 people attend the meetings. The meetings have been run by JOSE CLAUDIO and ORLANDO ROSA. ROSA appears to have been assigned as Minister of Defense. Those who can be recognized at meetings are JOSE CLAUDIO, ORLANDO ROSA, PEDRO MERCADC, HECTOR LNU, CHARLES LOGAN from Oakland Terrace, and WILLIAM WEAVER who is the Security and Intelligence Officer. CLAUDIO told people at a meeting 12/14/70 at the church that there is no Young Lords in Hartford because they have not been recognized by New York.

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Date(s) of activity

12/18-20/70

Brief description of activity or material

Meeting 12/18/70 in Hartford; discussion of  
repurchasing weapons, two rifles repurchased  
to date. Whereabouts of GREGORY LANE.  
Sale of BPP newspaper in Middletown.

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cc: 100-19186(BPP)  
~~157-1079~~ BPP-Htd  
157-1284 Blackstone Rangers  
157-1311(BUTCH BRASWELL)  
157-2517WILBUR CROSS)  
157-2201(JERRY DARBY)  
157-2053(ROBERT RABB)  
157-2061(TIMOTHY FORD)  
157-1754(GREGORY LANE)  
157-new (BUTCH SWAN)  
157-new (MILTON JOHNS)  
157-new (RODNEY JOHNSON)

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On the evening of 12/18/70, there was a meeting of the Blackstone Rangers at the Barbour Arms Apartments, Barbour St., Hartford. Present at the meeting were the following:

BUTCH BRASWELL	BUTCH SWAN
WILBUR CROSS	MILTON JOHNS
ROBERT RABB	RODNEY JOHNSON
JERRY DARBY	

SWAN has attended three or four meetings of the Blackstone Rangers in recent weeks. He is described as heavy, 5'10", light-skinned, and wears a big afro-style haircut.

MILTON JOHNS goes to the University of Hartford. He is not a full-fledged member of the Blackstone Rangers, as BRASWELL asked all non-members to leave before the meeting began, and JOHNS left. JOHNS is described as dark with short hair, 5'10", 160 lb., and wears glasses.

TIMOTHY FORD was at the meeting place before the meeting began. He went out for some reason and never came back.

There were complaints among members present that there weren't enough people there to warrant paying the usual \$2.00 fee or dues for each meeting, so each member paid only \$1.00

BRASWELL asked if anyone had repurchased any rifles during the past few days. WILBUR CROSS said he had been working on it, with no success. ROBERT RABB had purchased back two .30-.30 cal. rifles from one REGGIE WASHINGTON. Then BRASWELL became angry at RABB because he had not bought back all of the guns that WASHINGTON had. BRASWELL and RABB argued for awhile. It is unknown where the rifles originally came from or how WASHINGTON acquired them, or how many more he has in his possession.

BRASWELL mentioned that there are approximately fifteen to eighteen more rifles remaining to be repurchased from various people. That figure includes six rifles in the possession of three individuals arrested last week on Rosemont St., Hartford. BRASWELL wants all of the rifles back before January, but said that it might be difficult to contact the people that have the rifles because of the holidays coming up. He especially wants to retrieve a

hunting rifle that has a scope attached to it.

REGGIE WASHINGTON is about twenty-five years old and drives a 1970 green Cadillac. He is not a member of the Panthers or the Rangers, but deals in buying and selling all kinds of goods. He reportedly will purchase anything that has resale value. WASHINGTON resides on the east side of Main St. at the corner of Main St. and Earle St., in the north side of Hartford.

RODNEY JOHNSON, who was at the meeting, is the individual previously described as the fat kid who has attended meetings recently.

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On 12/19/70, two members of the Black Panther Party in Middletown, Connecticut, were observed selling copies of the Black Panther newspaper. Papers are sold there door to door, and apparently only on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday each week. It is unknown where the papers are obtained or how they are transported to Middletown. No papers have been seen for sale in Hartford for several weeks.

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January 7, 1971

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RE: HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS, also  
known as Bill Holloway

On June 17, 1970, NH T-1 advised subject, with other members of the Hartford, Connecticut, Black Panther Party (BPP), was arrested by the New Haven Police Department and charged with defacing public and private property by posting BPP posters on a city fence. NH T-1 advised subject was released on bail.

A characterization of the  
BPP appears in the Appendix.

On July 16, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Greater Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, 25 Pratt Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On August 17, 1970, NH T-2 advised subject is not a member of the BPP but is a supporter of the Party and is often observed at the BPP headquarters.

On September 2, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On September 4, 1970, ROBERT BLESSING, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford, advised a review of the records revealed no information on the subject.

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HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS

On October 21, 1970, Mrs. MARION LAWRENCE, Title Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised the records of her department revealed no vehicle is registered to the subject's name in the State of Connecticut.

On October 21, 1970, Mrs. FRANCES GRIGGS, Operator's License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed no information regarding the subject.

On November 16, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Hartford Police Department, advised subject's true name is HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS and he resides at 118 Kensington Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

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Date 12/28/70

HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS, 118 Kensington Street, Hartford, Connecticut, was interviewed by CHRIS R. HOEHLE and RICHARD C. HENRY, who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI. Subject was advised of his rights by SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE and told the purpose of the interview concerned his activities in the Black Panther Party. Subject signed the waiver of rights form.

WILLIAMS advised he is not a member of the Black Panther Party, nor has he attended any meetings of the Party but in the spring of 1970 participated in Black Panther Party activities in New Haven and Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. WILLIAMS advised he has not been affiliated with the Black Panther Party since July of 1970.

WILLIAMS advised he frequents the Gainers Pool Hall, 167 Barbour Street, Hartford, Connecticut, where many of the Panthers and their associates meet.

WILLIAMS advised he knows BUTCH BRASWELL, leader of the Blackstone Rangers and numerous members of the Rangers and Panthers. He advised BRASWELL asked him to attend Black Panther Party meetings during the spring of 1970 but he refused, stating he did not want to become involved.

WILLIAMS stated he and BRUCE RYLES, leader of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, attended high school together and are close friends. He advised he is often a guest in the home of BRUCE RYLES, 103 Kensington Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS
Alias:	Bill Holloway
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Albany, Georgia

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On 12/22/70 at Hartford, Connecticut File # NH 157-2208

by SA RICHARD C. HENRY  
SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE / CRH:cah 3 Date dictated 12/23/70



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NH 157-2208

Height:	6'1"
Weight:	185
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Scars and Marks:	None observed
Occupation:	Machine operator
Employment:	Presently unemployed
Social Security:	FOIA(b) (6)
Education:	Completed 10th grade Hartford Public High School 1966

Relatives: It is noted all of the following reside at 118 Kensington Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

THELMA WILLIAMS, age 43, mother.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, age 48, father.  
Machinist, currently unemployed.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
also known as  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
FOR SELF DEFENSE

According to the official newspaper of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby G. Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, George Murray. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
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David Hilliard, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said: "We will kill Richard Nixon."

David Hilliard, in "The New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture, Emory Douglas, as follows:

"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is .....by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces .....are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U. S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the USA.

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Title                   HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS, also  
                          known as Bill Holloway

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Reference           Memorandum made at New Haven,  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2208) (C)

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"  
HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS, aka.,  
Bill Holloway  
RM-BPP  
(OO:NH)

The title is marked changed to reflect subject's true name, HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS, as obtained through interview on 12/22/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

During the interview of subject on 12/22/70, he spoke candidly of his past criminal record, at no time appeared to be lying, was pleasant, cooperative, and readily answered questions. The subject resides in a high crime area of a Negro ghetto and is a close associate of the leaders of the Black Panther Party and the Blackstone Rangers.

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NH 157-2208

The enclosed LHM is being classified confidential due to information received from NH T-1 and NH T-2, the disclosure of which could reasonably result in the compromising of informants of continuing value.

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Location

NH T-1 is

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Police Department  
New Haven, Connecticut

NH T-2 is

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New Haven, Connecticut 06510  
January 7, 1971

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#2409*

RE: RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES, also  
known as Benjamin Hodges, Jr.,  
Ray Benjamin Hodges

On May 6, 1970, JEFFREY MAYNARD, 108th Military Intelligence Group, advised that several members of the Black Panther Party (BPP) from Hartford, Connecticut, appeared at the Military Induction Center, Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on this date for processing.

Mr. MAYNARD advised that the subject, as well as other individuals, appeared to be members of the BPP in view of their uniform dress and their frequent shouts concerning the Black Panther Party and BOBBY SEALE. These individuals caused a disruption; however, they were contained when officers of the 108th Military Intelligence Group threatened to call in the police. They eventually quieted down and there was no violence. Mr. MAYNARD contributed the following information regarding the subject:

Name:	RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Middletown, Connecticut
Social Security:	FOIA(b) (6)
Residence:	306 Grant Street Hartford, Connecticut

A characterization of the  
BPP appears in the Appendix.

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RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES

On May 15, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Director, Adult Records Section, Hartford Police Department, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On May 15, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Clerk, Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, 25 Pratt Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of their records revealed no information identifiable with the subject or anyone with the name HODGES residing at 306 Grant Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

On July 14, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised the records contained the following information for the subject.

BENJAMIN HODGES, JR., date of birth [FOIA(b)(6)] at Middletown, Connecticut, entered Hartford Public High School on September 16, 1968, and was dropped from the records on November 22, 1968, for non-attendance.

On July 14, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised the records revealed BENJAMIN HODGES, JR., was born on [FOIA(b)(6)] [FOIA(b)(6)] at Middletown, Connecticut, as certified on birth certificate number [FOIA(b)(6)].

On July 14, 1970, ROBERT BLESSING, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised the subject was arrested on May 15, 1970, and June 28, 1970, at Hartford, Connecticut, for Breach of Peace.

On July 14, 1970, Detective JERRY BURR, Intelligence Division, Hartford Police Department, advised subject is a frequent visitor at the BPP headquarters, 135 Barbour Street. Detective BURR was unable to furnish any current information regarding subject's activities.



  
RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES

On August 26, 1970, NH T-3 advised that subject was classified 1-Y on June 2, 1970, which classification expires on December 1, 1970. His Selective Service Number is 6 2 50 1156.


On August 19, 1970, Mrs. FRANCES GRIGGS, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Operator's License Section, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised their records contained no information identifiable with the subject.

On September 8, 1970, NH T-1 advised subject is unknown.

On October 23, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Records Department, Hartford Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed since last contacted on May 15, 1970, that subject was arrested for Breach of Peace on May 15, 1970, and June 28, 1970.

On October 23, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised subject did not register on September 9, 1970, for the 1970-1971 school year.

On December 21, 1970, NH T-2 advised the subject is not a member of the BPP or the Blackstone Rangers, although he is often observed in their premises. NH T-2 advised he has not observed the subject at either the BPP or Blackstone Rangers meetings.





## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/15/70

RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES, 307 Garden Street, Hartford, Connecticut, was interviewed by CHRIS R. HOEHLE and RICHARD C. HENRY who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised of his rights by SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE and of the purpose of the interview regarding his association with the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut. Subject signed the warning and waiver of rights form.

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HODGES advised he is to be inducted into the United States Army at the Military Induction Center, New Haven, Connecticut, on December 10, 1970, and no longer will be residing in the Hartford, Connecticut, area.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Middletown, Connecticut
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	152
Hair:	Black, medium cut.
Eyes:	Brown
Build:	Slender
Complexion:	Medium
Scars and Marks:	2" verticle scar midpoint of back.

On 12/9/70 at Hartford, Connecticut File # NH 157-2037

by SA RICHARD C. HENRY  
SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE / CRH:cah 4 Date dictated 12/11/70

NH 157-2037

Occupation:  
Employment:  
Relatives:

Machine operator  
Presently unemployed  
THELMA HODGES, age 41, mother  
307 Garden Street  
Hartford, Connecticut;

FOIA(b) (6)

Mrs. EVELYN HARRIS, age 18,  
sister, residence 233 Sigourney  
Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
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FOR SELF DEFENSE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2037) (C)

SUBJECT: RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES, aka.,  
Ben Hodges, Jr.,  
Ray Benjamin Hodges  
BM - BPP  
(OO:NH)

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Subject is not being placed on the Security Index or Agitator Index, as he has been interviewed by Bureau Agents and his affiliation with the BPP appears to be limited.

The enclosed LHM is being classified confidential due to the information received from NH T-1 and NH T-2, the disclosure of which could reasonably result in compromising informants of continuing value.

In view of no current arrest information for subject and the decline of activity and influence of the BPP in the Hartford, Conn., area, it is recommended this case be closed and no further investigation be conducted.

2 Bureau (Enc. 8)  
4 New Haven (1- 157-2037)  
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(RM) (1- 100-19186)

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Transcribed 1/28/71

Authenticated  
by Informant 12/21/70

Date of Report

12/18/70

Date(s) of activity

12/16/70

Brief description of activity or material

Meeting 35 Sylvan Ave., between WEBB and  
PLP to help organize. Meetings of PLP held  
at So. Green Church, Hartford.

File where original is located if not attached

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\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.  
VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

- 1 - FOIA(b) (7) - (D)  
1 - 100-19186 (BPP)  
1 - 157-1079 (Hartford BPP)  
1 - 157-1451 (ROBERT WEBB)  
1 - 157-741 (GEORGE EDWARDS)  
1 - 157- (EDIE JACKSON)  
1 - 157-1471 (WILLIAM WEAVER)  
1 - 157-1944 (BUBBA)  
1 - 157-1310 (BRUCE RYLES)  
1 - 157-2186 (LOTTIE BROWN)  
1 - 157-1268 (COOKIE WRIGHT)  
1 - 157-1840 (WAYNE RYLES)  
1 - 157-1248 (GREGORY GREEN)  
1 - 157-2233 (ORLANDO ROSSA)  
1 - 105-10338 (JOSE CLAUDIO)  
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FBI - New Haven

1 Feb

December 18, 1970

There was a meeting in New Haven December 16, 1970, held at 35 Sylvan Ave., at which there were present:

ROBERT WEBB  
GEORGE EDWARDS  
EDIE JACKSON  
WILLIAM WEAVER

BUBBA  
CHARLES LOGAN of the PLP  
HECTOR LNU, Assistant Minister  
of the PLP Info

WEBB had made a request that CHARLES and HECTOR come to the meeting for he wanted to try to organize them into a strong group. At the meeting WEBB gave them two leaflets used by NCCF to organize. He stated this should be used by them as a guide.

BRUCE RYLES has been seen back in Hartford. He is now living with LOTTIE BROWN at 108 Clark St., and also at 105 Kensington St. He would like to obtain employment at the CRT for his friend COOKIE WRIGHT is working there at this time. WAYNE RYLES, brother of BRUCE, is looking for the guns they used to have, and which he thought were at the home of GREGORY GREEN, but he found they had been moved from there by COOKIE.

There are Puerto Rican papers brought to Connecticut from New York. They come to Bridgeport and then are distributed to the rest of the areas.

Meetings of the PLP are held at the South Green Church, Main St., Hartford, at the church of Re . PICKETT. Usually about 50 people attend the meetings. The meetings have been run by JOSE CLAUDIO and ORLANDO ROSA. ROSA appears to have been assigned as Minister of Defense. Those who can be recognized at meetings are JOSE CLAUDIO, ORLANDO ROSA, PEDRO MERCADO, HECTOR LNU, CHARLES LOGAN from Oakland Terrace, and WILLIAM WEAVER who is the Security and Intelligence Officer. CLAUDIO told people at a meeting 12/14/70 at the church that there is no Young Lords in Hartford because they have not been recognized by New York.

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Date of Report

12/21/70

Date(s) of activity

12/18-20/70

Brief description of activity or material

Meeting 12/18/70 in Hartford; discussion of  
repurchasing weapons, two rifles repurchased  
to date. Whereabouts of GREGORY LANE.  
Sale of BPP newspaper in Middletown.

File where original is located if not attached

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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Remarks:

cc: 100-19186(BPP)  
~~157-1079~~ BPP-Htd  
157-1284 Blackstone Rangers  
157-1311(BUTCH BRASWELL)  
157-2517WILBUR CROSS)  
157-2201(JERRY DABY)  
157-2053(ROBERT RABB)  
157-2061(TIMOTHY FORD)  
157-1754(GREGORY LANE)  
157-new (BUTCH SWAN)  
157-new (MILTON JOHNS)  
157-new (RODNEY JOHNSON)

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12/21/70

On the evening of 12/18/70, there was a meeting of the Blackstone Rangers at the Barbour Arms Apartments, Barbour St., Hartford. Present at the meeting were the following:

BUTCH BRASWELL  
WILBUR CROSS  
ROBERT RABB  
JERRY DARBY

BUTCH SWAN  
MILTON JOHNS  
RODNEY JOHNSON

SWAN has attended three or four meetings of the Blackstone Rangers in recent weeks. He is described as heavy, 5'10", light-skinned, and wears a big afro-style haircut.

MILTON JOHNS goes to the University of Hartford. He is not a full-fledged member of the Blackstone Rangers, as BRASWELL asked all non-members to leave before the meeting began, and JOHNS left. JOHNS is described as dark with short hair, 5'10", 160 lb., and wears glasses.

TIMOTHY FORD was at the meeting place before the meeting began. He went out for some reason and never came back.

There were complaints among members present that there weren't enough people there to warrant paying the usual \$2.00 fee or dues for each meeting, so each member paid only \$1.00

BRASWELL asked if anyone had repurchased any rifles during the past few days. WILBUR CROSS said he had been working on it, with no success. ROBERT RABB had purchased back two .30-.30 cal. rifles from one REGGIE WASHINGTON. Then BRASWELL became angry at RABB because he had not bought back all of the guns that WASHINGTON had. BRASWELL and RABB argued for awhile. It is unknown where the rifles originally came from or how WASHINGTON acquired them, or how many more he has in his possession.

BRASWELL mentioned that there are approximately fifteen to eighteen more rifles remaining to be repurchased from various people. That figure includes six rifles in the possession of three individuals arrested last week on Rosemont St., Hartford. BRASWELL wants all of the rifles back before January, but said that it might be difficult to contact the people that have the rifles because of the holidays coming up. He especially wants to retrieve a

hunting rifle that has a scope attached to it.

REGGIE WASHINGTON is about twenty-five years old and drives a 1970 green Cadillac. He is not a member of the Panthers or the Rangers, but deals in buying and selling all kinds of goods. He reportedly will purchase anything that has resale value. WASHINGTON resides on the east side of Main St. at the corner of Main St. and Earle St., in the north side of Hartford.

RODNEY JOHNSON, who was at the meeting, is the individual previously described as the fat kid who has attended meetings recently.

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

On 12/19/70, two members of the Black Panther Party in Middletown, Connecticut, were observed selling copies of the Black Panther newspaper. Papers are sold there door to door, and apparently only on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday each week. It is unknown where the papers are obtained or how they are transported to Middletown. No papers have been seen for sale in Hartford for several weeks.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
510 Trust Company Building  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510  
January 7, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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RE: HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS, also  
known as Bill Holloway

On June 17, 1970, NH T-1 advised subject, with other members of the Hartford, Connecticut, Black Panther Party (BPP), was arrested by the New Haven Police Department and charged with defacing public and private property by posting BPP posters on a city fence. NH T-1 advised subject was released on bail.

A characterization of the  
BPP appears in the Appendix.

On July 16, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Greater Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, 25 Pratt Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On August 17, 1970, NH T-2 advised subject is not a member of the BPP but is a supporter of the Party and is often observed at the BPP headquarters.

On September 2, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On September 4, 1970, ROBERT BLESSING, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford, advised a review of the records revealed no information on the subject.

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HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS

On October 21, 1970, Mrs. MARION LAWRENCE, Title Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised the records of her department revealed no vehicle is registered to the subject's name in the State of Connecticut.

On October 21, 1970, Mrs. FRANCES GRIGGS, Operator's License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed no information regarding the subject.

On November 16, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Hartford Police Department, advised subject's true name is HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS and he resides at 118 Kensington Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/28/70

HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS, 118 Kensington Street, Hartford, Connecticut, was interviewed by CHRIS R. HOEHLE and RICHARD C. HENRY, who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI. Subject was advised of his rights by SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE and told the purpose of the interview concerned his activities in the Black Panther Party. Subject signed the waiver of rights form.

WILLIAMS advised he is not a member of the Black Panther Party, nor has he attended any meetings of the Party but in the spring of 1970 participated in Black Panther Party activities in New Haven and Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. WILLIAMS advised he has not been affiliated with the Black Panther Party since July of 1970.

WILLIAMS advised he frequents the Gainers Pool Hall, 167 Barbour Street, Hartford, Connecticut, where many of the Panthers and their associates meet.

WILLIAMS advised he knows BUTCH BRASWELL, leader of the Blackstone Rangers and numerous members of the Rangers and Panthers. He advised BRASWELL asked him to attend Black Panther Party meetings during the spring of 1970 but he refused, stating he did not want to become involved.

WILLIAMS stated he and BRUCE RYLES, leader of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, attended high school together and are close friends. He advised he is often a guest in the home of BRUCE RYLES, 103 Kensington Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS
Alias:	Bill Holloway
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Albany, Georgia

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On 12/22/70 at Hartford, Connecticut File # NH 157-2208

by SA RICHARD C. HENRY  
SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE / CRH:cah 3 Date dictated 12/23/70

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NH 157-2208

Height:	6'1"
Weight:	185
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Scars and Marks:	None observed
Occupation:	Machine operator
Employment:	Presently unemployed
Social Security:	<input type="text"/> FOIA(b) (6) <input type="text"/>
Education:	Completed 10th grade Hartford Public High School 1966
Relatives:	It is noted all of the following reside at 118 Kensington Street, Hartford, Connecticut.  THELMA WILLIAMS, age 43, mother.  SAMUEL WILLIAMS, age 48, father. Machinist, currently unemployed.

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New Haven, Connecticut 06510

January 7, 1971

Title                   HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS, also  
                          known as Bill Holloway

Character

Reference           Memorandum made at New Haven,  
                          dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

1/7/71

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2208) (C)

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"  
HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS, aka.,  
Bill Holloway  
RM-BPP  
(OO:NE)

The title is marked changed to reflect subject's true name, HOLLOWAY WILLIAMS, as obtained through interview on 12/22/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

During the interview of subject on 12/22/70, he spoke candidly of his past criminal record, at no time appeared to be lying, was pleasant, cooperative, and readily answered questions. The subject resides in a high crime area of a Negro ghetto and is a close associate of the leaders of the Black Panther Party and the Blackstone Rangers.

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NH 157-2208

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INFORMANTS

Location

NH T-1 is [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

157-2208-1

Police Department  
New Haven, Connecticut

NH T-2 is [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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Bureau r/s 6/8/78  
#2409*

RE: RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES, also  
known as Benjamin Hodges, Jr.,  
Ray Benjamin Hodges

On May 6, 1970, JEFFREY MAYNARD, 108th Military Intelligence Group, advised that several members of the Black Panther Party (BPP) from Hartford, Connecticut, appeared at the Military Induction Center, Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on this date for processing.

Mr. MAYNARD advised that the subject, as well as other individuals, appeared to be members of the BPP in view of their uniform dress and their frequent shouts concerning the Black Panther Party and BOBBY SEALE. These individuals caused a disruption; however, they were contained when officers of the 108th Military Intelligence Group threatened to call in the police. They eventually quieted down and there was no violence. Mr. MAYNARD contributed the following information regarding the subject:

Name:	RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Middletown, Connecticut
Social Security:	FOIA(b) (6)
Residence:	306 Grant Street Hartford, Connecticut

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BPP appears in the Appendix.

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RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES

On May 15, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Director, Adult Records Section, Hartford Police Department, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On May 15, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Clerk, Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, 25 Pratt Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of their records revealed no information identifiable with the subject or anyone with the name HODGES residing at 306 Grant Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

On July 14, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised the records contained the following information for the subject.

BENJAMIN HODGES, JR., date of birth [FOIA(b)(6)] at Middletown, Connecticut, entered Hartford Public High School on September 16, 1968, and was dropped from the records on November 22, 1968, for non-attendance.

On July 14, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised the records revealed BENJAMIN HODGES, JR., was born on [FOIA(b)(6)] [FOIA(b)(6)] at Middletown, Connecticut, as certified on birth certificate number [FOIA(b)(6)].

On July 14, 1970, ROBERT BLESSING, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised the subject was arrested on May 15, 1970, and June 28, 1970, at Hartford, Connecticut, for Breach of Peace.

On July 14, 1970, Detective JERRY BURR, Intelligence Division, Hartford Police Department, advised subject is a frequent visitor at the BPP headquarters, 135 Barbour Street. Detective BURR was unable to furnish any current information regarding subject's activities.

  
RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES

On August 26, 1970, NH T-3 advised that subject was classified 1-Y on June 2, 1970, which classification expires on December 1, 1970. His Selective Service Number is 6 2 50 1156.


On August 19, 1970, Mrs. FRANCES GRIGGS, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Operator's License Section, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised their records contained no information identifiable with the subject.

On September 8, 1970, NH T-1 advised subject is unknown.

On October 23, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Records Department, Hartford Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed since last contacted on May 15, 1970, that subject was arrested for Breach of Peace on May 15, 1970, and June 28, 1970.

On October 23, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised subject did not register on September 9, 1970, for the 1970-1971 school year.

On December 21, 1970, NH T-2 advised the subject is not a member of the BPP or the Blackstone Rangers, although he is often observed in their premises. NH T-2 advised he has not observed the subject at either the BPP or Blackstone Rangers meetings.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/15/70

RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES, 307 Garden Street, Hartford, Connecticut, was interviewed by CHRIS R. HOEHLE and RICHARD C. HENRY who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised of his rights by SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE and of the purpose of the interview regarding his association with the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut. Subject signed the warning and waiver of rights form.

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HODGES advised he is to be inducted into the United States Army at the Military Induction Center, New Haven, Connecticut, on December 10, 1970, and no longer will be residing in the Hartford, Connecticut, area.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Middletown, Connecticut
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	152
Hair:	Black, medium cut.
Eyes:	Brown
Build:	Slender
Complexion:	Medium
Scars and Marks:	2" verticle scar midpoint of back.

On 12/9/70 at Hartford, Connecticut File # NH 157-2037

by SA RICHARD C. HENRY  
SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE / CRH:cah 4 Date dictated 12/11/70



NH 157-2037

Occupation:  
Employment:  
Relatives:

Machine operator  
Presently unemployed  
THELMA HODGES, age 41, mother  
307 Garden Street  
Hartford, Connecticut;

RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES, SR.,  
age 48, same address, father.

FOIA(b) (6)

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1/7/71

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2037) (C)

SUBJECT: RAYMOND BENJAMIN HODGES, aka.,  
Ben Hodges, Jr.,  
Ray Benjamin Hodges  
RM - BPP  
(OO:NH)

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Subject is not being placed on the Security Index or Agitator Index, as he has been interviewed by Bureau Agents and his affiliation with the BPP appears to be limited.

The enclosed LHM is being classified confidential due to the information received from NH T-1 and NH T-2, the disclosure of which could reasonably result in compromising informants of continuing value.

In view of no current arrest information for subject and the decline of activity and influence of the BPP in the Hartford, Conn., area, it is recommended this case be closed and no further investigation be conducted.

2 Bureau (Enc. 8)  
4 New Haven (1- 157-2037)  
CRH:cah (1- 157-1079)  
(6) (1- 157-1247)  
(RM) (1- 100-19186)

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NH 157-2037

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Location

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FOIA(b) (7) - (D)  
Hartford, Connecticut

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NH T-2 is [REDACTED]  
FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

NH T-3 is [REDACTED]  
FOIA(b) (7) - (D)  
Hartford, Connecticut

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RE: HAROLD T. RICHARDSON

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BPP appears in the Appendix.

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Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford,  
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subject revealed no information for same.

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Operator's License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles,  
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revealed no vehicle is registered in subject's name in  
the State of Connecticut.

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Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised a  
review of their records revealed the following information  
for subject:

8 Bureau  
④ New Haven  
CRH:cah(1- 157-2406)  
(12) (2- 157-1079)  
(RM) (1- 157-1284)  
(1- 100-19186)

Name:  
Date of Birth:  
Place of Birth:  
Height:  
Weight:

HAROLD T. RICHARDSON

FOIA(b) (6)

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HAROLD T. RICHARDSON

Hair:	Black, Afro cut
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Dark
Address:	201 West Euclid Street Hartford, Connecticut 569 961 H
FBI Number:	
Hartford Police Department	
Registration No.:	52817
Hartford Police Department File:	W-82
Education:	Weaver High School, grade not listed.
Arrests:	August 22, 1970 - loitering and disorderly conduct; October 15, 1970, breaking and entering, larceny, dis- position not listed.
Father:	NORMAN RICHARDSON age and address not listed
Mother:	Deceased, name not listed
Sister:	PEGGY HALL, age and address not listed.

On December 21, 1970, NH T-1 advised he has observed subject in the North End section of Hartford, Connecticut, on many occasions but never in the presence of Black Panther Party (BPP) or Blackstone Rangers members, nor has he observed subject at any of the meetings of the Blackstone Rangers or the BPP.

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January 8, 1971

Title            HAROLD T. RICHARDSON

Character

Reference       Memorandum made at New Haven,  
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

1/8/71

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2406) (C)

SUBJECT: HAROLD T. RICHARDSON  
RM-BPP  
(OO:NH)

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Contact with knowledgeable sources regarding the BPP and Blackstone Rangers in the Hartford area did not develop any information regarding any affiliation on the part of RICHARDSON with these organizations; therefore, our case has been closed.

The enclosed LHM is being classified confidential due to information, the disclosure of which could reasonably result in compromising an informant of continuing value.

INFORMANT

Location

NH T-1 is FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

2- Bureau (Enc. 8)  
④- New Haven (1- 157-2406)  
CRH:cah (1- 157-1079)  
(6) (1- 157-1284)  
(RM) (1- 100-19186)

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RE: LESTER LEWIS PLUMMER

A characterization of the  
BPP appears in the Appendix.

On November 4, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed the following information for subject:

Name:	LESTER LEWIS PLUMMER
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Hartford, Connecticut
Birth Certificate:	12179
Date Recorded:	May 6, 1952
Mother:	ADDIE MAE PLUMMER
Father:	Name not listed

On November 4, 1970, Mrs. FRANCES GRIGGS, Operator's License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised her records reflect no information for the subject.

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8 Bureau  
5 New Haven (2-157-2402)  
CRH:cah (1-157-1079)  
(13) (1-157-1247)  
(RM) (1-100-19186)

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LESTER LEWIS PLUMMER

On November 19, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised that review of the records revealed the following record for subject:

Name:	LESTER PLUMMER
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Hartford, Connecticut
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	135
Hair:	Black, Afro cut
Eyes:	Brown
Residence:	61 Bedford Street Hartford, Connecticut
FBI Number:	866 879 G
Hartford Registration Number:	48651
Hartford Police Department Number:	T-81

On December 21, 1970, NH T-1 advised he has observed subject at Jose's Pool Hall, address not stated, and Gainers Billiard Supply, 167 Barbour Street, Hartford, in the presence of Black Panther Party (BPP) members and Blackstone Rangers, but stated he has not observed the subject at meetings of either the Blackstone Rangers or the BPP.

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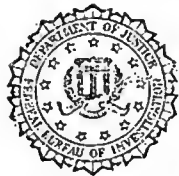
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January 8, 1971

Title           LESTER LEWIS PLUMMER

Character

Reference       Memorandum made at New Haven,  
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2402) (P)

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"  
LESTER LEWIS PLUMMER, aka.,  
Lester Plummer  
RM - BPP  
(OO:NH)

The title of this case is marked changed to include subject's full name, LESTER LEWIS PLUMMER, as reflected on the records of the Connecticut Board of Health.

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Subject is not being placed on the Security Index or Agitator Index as it has not been determined he is a member of the BPP or the Blackstone Rangers.

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2- Bureau (Enc. 8)  
5- New Haven (2- 157-2402)  
CRH:cah (1- 157-1079)  
(7) (1- 157-1247)  
(RM) (1- 100-19186)

NH 157-2402

INFORMANT

Location

NH T-1 is

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

LEAD

NEW HAVEN

At Hartford, Connecticut

Will contact racial sources regarding the activities of the subject.

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RE: GREGORY MILO DAVIS, also known as  
Gregory M. Davis,  
Gregory Davis

On August 22, 1970, GREGORY MILO DAVIS with eight other young men, some of them selling Black Panther Party (BPP) newspapers, were arrested at 915 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, by the Hartford Police Department, after two policemen were unable to disperse a crowd. The individuals arrested were part of a large group of young people who surrounded a traffic policeman after they had been told to disperse.

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Black Panther Party appears  
in the Appendix.

On November 4, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed the following information for the subject:

Name:	GERALD MILO DAVIS
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Hartford, Connecticut
Father:	LACEY DAVIS, JR.
Mother:	NANCY FLOYD DAVIS
Certificate Number:	
Date Certificate	FOIA(b) (6)
Recorded:	

8- Bureau  
1- 108th MI Group, Hartford  
1- Secret Service, New Haven  
5- New Haven (2- 157-2404)  
CRH:cah (1- 157-1079)  
(15) (1- 157-1247)  
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**GREGORY MILO DAVIS**

On November 4, 1970, Mrs. FRANCES GRIGGS, Operator's License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised the files contain the following information on the subject:

Name:	GERALD M. DAVIS
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Sex:	Male
Height:	6'
Residence:	111 Manchester Street Hartford, Connecticut
License Number:	212614488
Date of Issue:	September 21, 1970

On November 4, 1970, Mrs. MARION LAWRENCE, Registration Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed no vehicle is registered in the subject's name in the State of Connecticut.

On November 19, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Records Department, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable for the subject:

Name:	GREGORY DAVIS
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Hartford, Connecticut
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	197 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Address:	Not listed
Hartford Police Department Reg. No:	49419
Hartford Police Department File No:	U-19
Relatives:	Not listed

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GREGORY MILO DAVIS

Arrest Record:

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

On December 21, 1970, NH T-1 advised subject is unknown and he could contribute no information regarding his activities with the Black Panther Party or the Blackstone Rangers at Hartford, Connecticut. NH T-1 advised subject has not been attending meetings of the Black Panther Party or the Blackstone Rangers at Hartford, Connecticut.

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Title                    GREGORY MILO DAVIS, also known  
                         as Gregory M. Davis,  
                         Gregory Davis

Character

Reference              Memorandum made at New Haven,  
                         dated and captioned as above.

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1/11/71

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2404) (P)

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"  
GREGORY MILO DAVIS, aka.,  
Gregory M. Davis,  
Gregory Davis  
RM-BPP  
(OO:NH)

The title of this case is changed to include subject's full name as reflected on the records of the Board of Health.

Re: New Haven airtel and LHM captioned "CIVIL DISTURBANCE, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, AUGUST 22, 1970", dated 10/17/70.

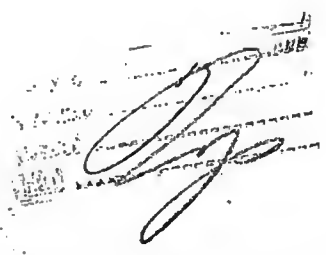
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2- Bureau (Enc. 8)  
5- New Haven (2- 157-2404)  
CRH:cah (1- 157-1079)  
(7) (1- 157-1247)  
(RM) (1- 100-19186)



157-1079-310

NH 157-2404

INFORMANT

Location

NH T-1 is

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

LEAD

NEW HAVEN

At Hartford, Connecticut

Will contact appropriate sources regarding activities of subject with the BPP and Blackstone Rangers.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

January 11, 1971

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BENNETT F. LUPER  
also known as Bennett Luper

Investigation was instituted on May 5, 1970, when Detective JOHN TELESKY, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department, advised he received information from an unidentified source to the effect that LUPER associated with either the Black Panther Party, (BPP), or the Black Stone Rangers.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party appears in the appendix.

On June 2, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Section, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department, advised the records contain the following juvenile records for subject:

All arrests were referred to Juvenile Court.

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

On June 2, 1970, Captain JOHN ROCHE, Director of Adult Records, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department, advised the records revealed the following arrest records and description of subject:

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BENNETT F. LUPER

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

Date of Birth, [redacted] Place of Birth, Hartford, Connecticut; Height, 5'10"; Weight, 135 pounds; Hair, black; Eyes, brown; Hartford Police Department Registration Number, 47169; Hartford Police Department File Number, T-11; Father, BENNETT LUPER, SR.; Mother, SYLVIA LUPER; FBI Number, 602 9576.

On June 9, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, 25 Pratt Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for subject.

On July 8, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised subject was born on [redacted] FOIA(b) (6) at Hartford, Connecticut, to SYLVIA and BENNETT LUPER, as certified by Birth Certificate Number, [redacted] FOIA(b) (6)

On July 8, 1970, Detective JERRY BURR, Intelligence Division, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department, advised subject is active in the Black Stone Rangers and has been observed selling newspapers for the Black Panther Party.

On August 14, 1970, Mrs. FRANCES GRIGGS, Operator's License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised the records reflected the following information for subject:

Name, BENNETT F. LUPER; Date of Birth, [redacted] FOIA(b) (6) Operator's License Issued, October 28, 1969; Expiration Date, September, 1970; Operator's License Number, 212355022; Address, 772 Bluehills Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut; Sex, Male; Height, 5'8".

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BENNETT F. LUPER

On August 14, 1970, Mrs. MARION LAWRENCE, Registration Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised no vehicle is registered in subject's name in the State of Connecticut.

On September 8, 1970, NH T-1 advised he could provide no information regarding subjects activities with the Black Stone Rangers, or the Black Panther Party, and subject is unknown.

On October 22, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised subject was a student at Weaver High School from September 4, 1968 to December 20, 1968, grade nine, when he enrolled as a student at Bloomfield, Connecticut High School. Mr. SAXTON advised subject did not register for the 1970-71 school year on September 9, 1970, for the Hartford school semester.

On December 8, 1970, Mr. ROBERT MOSS, 768 Bluehills Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, advised he has not observed subject in the area since October, 1970, and he could provide no information as to his whereabouts or activities.

On December 8, 1970, Mrs. ROBERT MILLVAE, Secretary, Guidance Department, Bloomfield High School, Huckleberry Lane, Bloomfield, Connecticut, advised subject was a student from October 8, 1968 to June 5, 1969, completing the 9th grade, and residing at 772 Bluehills Avenue. Subject did not register for the 1969-70 school year.

Numerous attempts to contact subject at 772 Bluehills Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, for the purpose of an interview during late November and early December, were negative.

On December 9, 1970, Mr. BENNETT F. LUPER, SR., subject's father, 772 Bluehills Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, advised his son has been incarcerated at Cheshire Reformatory since October, 1970.

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BENNETT F. LUPER

On December 9, 1970, Mr. MICHAEL ROEDER, Probation Officer, State of Connecticut, 155 Morgan Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised subject was sentenced on October 7, 1970, at 14th Circuit Court by Judge ROBERT J. LACEY, to serve an indeterminate sentence for carrying a pistol without a permit. Mr. ROEDER advised an indeterminate sentence is usually nine months.

APPENDIX~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
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The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, George Murray. This article ended with the following:

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"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is .....by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces .....are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U. S. government."

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

January 11, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Title	BENNETT F. LUPER, aka
Character	RACIAL MATTER - BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Reference	MEMORANDUM DATED AND CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

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SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2092) (C)

CHANGED:

BENNETT F. LUPER, aka  
Bennett Luper  
RM-BPP

Title marked changed to include subjects full name as reflected on the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one original and seven copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

INFORMANT

NH T-1 is

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

LOCATION

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Subject is not being placed on the Security Index or Agitator Index, as he is incarcerated at Cheshire State Reformatory, Cheshire, Connecticut.

Attached LHM is being classified CONFIDENTIAL due to information received from NH T-1, the disclosure of which could result in compromising an informant of continuing value.

- 2 - Bureau (RM) (Enc. 8)
- ④ - New Haven
  - (1 - 157-2092)
  - (1 - 100-19186) (BPP)
  - (1 - 157-1079) (BPP Hartford)
  - (1 - 157-1247) (PHIL WRIGHT)

CRH:alv  
(6)

157-1079-312



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
510 Trust Company Building  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510  
January 11, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

*Declassified per  
Bureau 12/56/5/78  
# 2909*

RE: DONALD EARL DAVIS, also  
known as Donne E. Davis,  
Donald E. Davis,  
Donnie Earl Davis

On May 6, 1970, NH T-3 advised several members of the Black Panther Party from Hartford, Connecticut, appeared at the Military Induction Center, Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on this date for processing. NH T-3 advised these individuals appeared to be members of the Black Panther Party (BPP) in view of their uniform dress and frequent shouts concerning the BPP and BOBBY SEALE. These individuals, including the subject, caused a disruption; however, they were contained when officers of the 108th Military Intelligence Group threatened to call in the police.

A characterization of the  
BPP appears in the Appendix.

A characterization of  
BOBBY SEALE is contained  
within the characterization  
of the BPP.

On June 3, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Section, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised a review of the records revealed no information on the subject.

On June 3, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Records Section, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised DONNIE E. DAVIS was arrested on March 29, 1969, and charged with breach of peace.

8- Bureau

4- New Haven (1- 157-2040)

CRH:cah (1- 157-1079)

(12) (1- 157-1247)

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DONALD EARL DAVIS

On June 18, 1970, NH T-2 advised DONALD E. DAVIS of 290 Vine Street, Hartford, Connecticut, is classified 1-Y under Selective Service Number 6 2 50 111.

On June 3, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, Inc., 25 Pratt Street, advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable with the subject and subject's parents:

DONALD E. DAVIS - negative.

EARL DAVIS  
94 Oakland Terrace  
Hartford, Connecticut  
Self-employed at Texaco Service Station  
since October, 1967.

ELFREDA DAVIS  
290 Vine Street  
Hartford, Connecticut  
School Crossing Guard for the  
City of Hartford, since September, 1969.

On July 14, 1970, Detective JERRY BURR, Intelligence Division, Hartford Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut, advised that he has no information regarding the present activities of the subject and has not recently observed subject in the North End area.

On July 14, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable with the subject:

Date of Birth:  
Place of Birth:  
Parents:

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Americus, Georgia  
EARL and ELPHRIDA DAVIS

**DONALD EARL DAVIS**

Subject entered Hartford Public High School on August 6, 1967, and graduated June 5, 1968, and resided as of September 6, 1967, at 290 Vine Street, Hartford.

On July 14, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, advised a review of the records for 1949, 1950, and 1951, revealed no information identifiable for the subject.

On July 14, 1970, Mr. ROBERT BLESSING, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On August 11, 1970, Mrs. FRANCIS GRIGGS, Title and Operators License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable for the subject:

Name:	DONNIE EARL DAVIS
Address:	290 Vine Street Hartford, Connecticut
Date of Birth:	<div>FOIA(b) (6)</div>
Height:	5'9"
Sex:	Male
Operators License:	132083788 Issued February 2, 1970, expires January, 1972.

On August 11, 1970, Mrs. MARIAN LAWRENCE, Registration Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed no vehicle is registered in subject's name.

  
DONALD EARL DAVIS

On October 22, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, supra, advised a review of the records revealed no new arrest for the subject since contacted on June 3, 1970.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Date 12/11/70

DONALD EARL DAVIS, 290 Vine Street, Hartford, Connecticut, was interviewed by CHRIS R. HOEHLE and RICHARD C. HENRY, who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI, and advised the purpose of the interview was with regard to his activities with the Black Panther Party (BPP). DAVIS signed the warning and waiver of rights form.


DAVIS advised he has never been a member of the BPP or the Blackstone Rangers and has never been to the BPP headquarters at 135 Barbour Street or 1095 Albany Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. DAVIS advised he has been associated with members of the BPP in the past as friends and school associates in the North End of Hartford, Connecticut. He advised he does not agree with the use of force by the BPP to attain its objectives. DAVIS advised he is not in agreement with the issues contained in the BPP Ten Point Program.

DAVIS advised he is attending the General Training School, Room 402, 407 Pearl Street, Hartford, Connecticut, for the purpose of securing civil Service employment. DAVIS advised that from May 10, 1970, to the second week of November, 1970, he was employed by the Hamilton Standard Company, East Windsor, Connecticut, as a boron machine operator.

DAVIS advised he is attempting to gain permanent employment and does not want to become involved in the BPP or Blackstone Rangers for fear of damaging his reputation and hampering future employment opportunities.

The following information and description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	DONNIE EARL DAVIS
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Americus, Georgia
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male



On 12/7/70 at Hartford, Connecticut File # NH 157-2040

by SA RICHARD C. HENRY  
SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE / CRH:cah 5 Date dictated 12/9/70

NH 157-2040

Height:  
Weight:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
Build:  
Complexion:  
Social Security:  
Draft Status:  
Education:

6'  
155  
Black  
Brown  
Medium  
Medium

FOIA(b) (6)

Relatives:

Hartford Public High School  
Degree, June, 1968  
All residing 290 Vine Street,  
Hartford, Connecticut:

ELFREDA DAVIS, age 41 - mother  
School Crossing Guard  
City of Hartford;

EARL DAVIS, age 45 - father  
Location unknown;

LARRY ATWOOD DAVIS, age 18 -  
brother, 12th Grade Weaver  
High School;

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DONALD EARL DAVIS

On December 21, 1970, NH T-1 advised he has known subject for many years and advised subject is not a member of the Black Panther Party and does not associate with members of the BPP or the Blackstone Rangers. NH T-1 also advised subject has not been in attendance at any meetings of the BPP or the Blackstone Rangers.

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APPENDIX

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New Haven, Connecticut 06510  
January 12, 1971

Title DONALD EARL DAVIS

Character

Reference Memorandum made at  
New Haven dated and  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2040) (C)

SUBJECT: DONALD EARL DAVIS, aka.,  
Donnie E. Davis,  
Donald E. Davis,  
Donnie Earl Davis  
RM - BPP  
(OO:NH)

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Subject is not being placed on the Security Index or Agitator Index because investigation to date and interview, has determined he is not a member of nor affiliated with the Black Panther Party or the Blackstone Rangers.

The enclosed LHM is being classified confidential due to information received from NH T-1 through NH T-3, the disclosure of which could reasonably result in compromising informants of continuing value.

This case is being closed and no further investigation will be conducted.

2- Bureau (Enc. 8)  
4- New Haven (1- 157-2040)  
CRH:cah (1- 157-1079)  
(6) (1- 157-1247)  
(RM) (1- 100-19186)

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NH 157-2040

INFORMANTS

Location

NH T-1 is [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

NH T-2 is [REDACTED] 157-2040-2

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Hartford, Connecticut

NH T-3 is [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079) (P)

DATE: 3/1/71

FROM : SA RICHARD C. HENRY

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY - HARTFORD  
RM - BPP

On 2/26/71, [REDACTED],  
Hartford, Connecticut, advised he has heard that an  
organization called the "Street Academy", with its center  
of operation in the vicinity of Capen and Enfield  
Streets in the North End of Hartford, Connecticut, has  
been attempting to gain community support to reinstate  
the BPP Breakfast Program in Hartford.

[REDACTED] advised he did not know the names of any of the  
individuals involved, and had no further information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079) (P)

DATE: 3/1/71

FROM : SA RICHARD C. HENRY

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY - HARTFORD  
RM - BPP

On 3/1/71, [REDACTED],  
Hartford, Connecticut, advised he has information that  
personnel at the North Methodist Church, Hartford, have  
recently been approached by individuals believed to be  
affiliated with the BPP, who inquired into the possibilities  
of using the church for operation of the BPP Breakfast  
Program. He had no further information concerning the  
Breakfast Program.

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[REDACTED] advised that the "Street Academy" used to be  
organized under the Urban League, but that its funding  
was ceased because of trouble caused from some militant  
students in the program. He had no information concerning  
the possibility that the Academy is now trying to organize  
a Breakfast Program.

[REDACTED] advised that a new gang in the North End of  
Hartford, called the "Rat Patrol", has begun acting up  
in the vicinity of Annie-Fisher School in Hartford near  
Kent St., but that there has been no trouble and none  
is anticipated.

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Authenticated by Informant 1/4/71

Brief description of activity or material

Leadership of PLP changed. Money stolen

for trip to Puerto Rico.

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\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

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① 157-1079 BPP, Hartford

1-105-10338 Jose Claudio

1-157-2233 Orlando Rosa

1-157-1310 Bruce Ryles

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The reason for JOSE CLAUDIO giving up leadership in the PLP came about because ORLANDO ROSA showed up at a recent meeting with a man whom he said was a communist. CLAUDIO stated he was not going to work with any communist and besides, he did not like being militant.

FOIA(b) (7) - (C) then took over as leader, and he and the man then took a trip to Puerto Rico. They left January 1, 1971, but it seems that FOIA(b) (7) - (C) used the \$200 that was to be used to pay for the paper. This was done without authority of the members.

BRUCE and WAYNE RYLES were talking about trying reorganize the blacks in the North End. BRUCE stated he would like to begin the BPP again, but WAYNE stated he felt he could do better if he was able to recruit servicemen who had recently been discharged.

SIGNED BY

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

January 4, 1971



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut 06508

February 3, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: LAWRENCE MURRAY

Investigation in this case was instituted on receipt of information from the Naval Investigative Service (NIS), at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, to the effect that MURRAY had made the statement that he considers himself to be a Black Panther.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party appears in the Appendix of this Memorandum.

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1-SS, New Haven  
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RE: LAWRENCE MURRAY

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

On April 29, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Identification Section, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised the files revealed subject was arrested on [REDACTED]

On April 29, 1970, NH T-1 advised MURRAY was born on [REDACTED] at Darlington, South Carolina. His Hartford, Connecticut address is 19 Enfield Street. MURRAY entered the Marine Corps on December 30, 1968, and his serial number is 2540730. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]

On June 25, 1970, NH T-2 was shown a photograph of subject and could not identify him as anyone he has ever seen before. Source is in a position to regularly observe individuals utilizing the Black Panther Party headquarters at 135 Barbour Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

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On June 28, 1970, a check of the records of the Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, revealed that MURRAY resided in Darlington, South Carolina, as late as September 9, 1964. His address as of September 8, 1965 was 19 Enfield Street. He entered Hartford Public High School, 55 Forest Street, Hartford, on September 6, 1967 in the 9th grade, and was expelled for an unknown reason on September 29, 1968 while still in the 9th grade. The record confirmed subject's date of birth as [REDACTED]

On July 23, 1970, a review of the Base Locator, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, revealed subject was

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discharged on March 18, 1970, with an undesirable discharge.

On September 29, 1970, Detective BOLDEN, assigned to the Detective Division, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised he cannot recall having seen subject for a long time, does not know if he is still in Hartford, and cannot state if he is a member of the Black Panther Party.

On November 17, 1970, NH T-3 advised he has never heard of MURRAY and could not identify him from a photograph as a member or associate of the Black Panther Party in Hartford. NH T-3 knows most of the members of the Black Panther Party and Blackstone Rangers in Hartford either by sight or by name, and hangs around in their neighborhood.

On November 18, 1970, NH T-4 advised he has never heard of MURRAY and could not identify him from a photograph as any one whom he has ever seen.

On January 29, 1971, NH T-5 advised subject is not a member of the Black Panther Party and has not been observed at meetings of the Blackstone Rangers in Hartford.

On February 1, 1971, Mr. RAYMOND GROGAN, Personnel Department, Royal Typewriter Company, 150 New Park Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, advised MURRAY has been employed as an assembler since November 16, 1970, listing his Social Security Number as FOIA(b) (6) and address as 23 Berkley Drive, Hartford, Connecticut.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Date 2/2/71

LAWRENCE MURRAY, 10 Fairfield Street, Hartford, Connecticut, was interviewed by SA CHRIS R. HORNHE and JAMES R. MILLER who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of FBI. Subject was advised of his rights by SA CHRIS R. HORNHE and told the purpose of the interview concerned his activities in the Black Panther Party. Subject signed the waiver of rights form.

MURRAY advised he is not a member of the Black Panther Party or affiliated Panther organizations, nor was he a member of or supporter of the Black Panther Party while a member of the U.S. Marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Subject advised none of his associates are Black Panthers and he has never been at the Panther Headquarters at 1035 Albany Avenue or 135 Barber Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Subject advised he recalls being interviewed by a Captain of the Naval Investigative Service while incarcerated at the Base Brig, Camp Lejeune but stated he did not make the statement he was a Black Panther or attended meetings of same. Subject advised he was incarcerated because of a fight he had with a sergeant regarding duty in the mess hall. Subject advised his service number was 2540736 and he received an undesirable discharge from the Marines in March, 1970 and returned to Hartford, Connecticut the same week. Subject could not recall the exact dates.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation.

Name:	LAWRENCE MURRAY
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	Darlington, South Carolina
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	140
Hair:	Black-medium cut
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	medium
Build:	Medium
Scars:	1" vertical left side of forehead.

On 2/1/71 at Hartford, ConnecticutFile # 157-1936by SA JAMES R. MILLER  
SA CHRIS R. HORNHE/dslDate dictated 2/2/71~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Address:

19 Enfield Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

SSN:

FOIA(b) (6)

Education:

8th grade, 1968 Hartford  
public high school.

Employer:

Production worker, Royal  
Typewriter Co., 150 New Park  
Avenue, Hartford, Conn.

Relatives:

Mother: LILLIAN MURRAY  
Age 50, Housewife,  
19 Enfield Street  
Hartford, Conn.

Father: DOSS MURRAY, SR.  
Deceased

Brothers: JOSEPH MURRAY,  
age 32, Darlington,  
South Carolina.

OLIN MURRAY, age 26,  
New Jersey, exact location  
unknown.

DOSS MURRAY, JR., age 21,  
U.S. Army, Florida, exact  
location unknown.

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Sisters: Mrs. MAGGIE BLAKE,  
age 31, address unknown,  
housewife, Hartford, Conn.  
Mrs. TRESSIE DAVENPORT,  
age 26, Garden Street,  
Hartford, Conn., housewife.

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APPENDIX

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for Self Defense

According to the official newspaper of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was started in December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby G. Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, George Murray. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

David Hilliard, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said: "We will kill Richard Nixon."

David Hilliard, in "The New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence." In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture, Emory Douglas, as follows:

"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is....by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces... are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U.S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the USA.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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New Haven, Connecticut  
February 3, 1971

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Title        LAWRENCE MURRAY

Character

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: November 4, 1970

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706)

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FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2207)

SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONVENTION ORGANIZED BY THE  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
BUDED: 11/9/70*Classified per  
Bureau #2909  
6/2/88*

Re Bureau airtel dated 10/30/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for San Francisco and Washington Field two copies each of an LHM concerning captioned matter.

For the information of the Bureau, racial informants, security informants, and sources familiar with Black Panther Party activities, Communist Party activities, Young Lord Party activities, as well as Students For A Democratic Society, have been contacted concerning this matter. Additional information concerning and participation, if any, in captioned convention will be forthcoming.

2 - Bureau (11 Enc.)

2 - San Francisco (Encs. 2)

2 - WFO (Encs. 2)

⑩ New Haven (2 - 157-2207)

(1 - 100-19186) (BPP)

(1 - 157-1032 (BPP Bridgeport)

(1 - 157-1079 (Hartford BPP)

(1 - 157-1085 (Middletown BPP)

(1 - 105-10348 (Young Lords)

(1 - 100-9851 (CP)

(1 - 100-18380 (SDS)

(1 - 157-1498 (Women's Liberation

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NH T-17, mentioned in instant LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] New Haven Police Department. NH T-9 (Permanent) is [redacted] extremely close to ROBERT WEBB, acting leader of the Black Panther Party in New Haven, who is in a "leadership position" in the planning of captioned convention. It is noted that WEBB was involved in security preparations and procedures during a recent plenary session in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Source is attempting to obtain additional details as requested in referenced Bureau communication. (c)

In addition, several sources have been contacted concerning the possible travel to captioned convention and Bureau authority will be requested under their individual captions. Specific planning concerning the details of this convention do not appear to have surfaced in New Haven at this time. No information is available concerning the planning session in Philadelphia, on November 14, 1970, as set forth in Philadelphia teletype to the Director dated October 29, 1970.

Instant LHM is classified confidential in order to protect a source of continuing value, the disclosure of which would jeopardize the national security.

LEADAT NEW HAVEN, BRIDGEPORT and HARTFORD

Will continue to maintain contact with racial and security sources concerning details of captioned convention in order that the Bureau might be advised on a weekly basis.

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NH 15

TO: SAC, New Haven (100-19186)  
FROM: SA William G. Whelan  
SUBJECT: BPP - RM

Date: 10/27/70

RM

The information which is set forth below was received on the indicated date from

~~35 Sylvan Ave~~  
~~New Haven, Conn~~

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

This informant reports on the activity at the Black Panther Party (BPP).

35 Sylvan Ave, New Haven, Conn

The BPP is a violence-prone black militant organization which has its headquarters at Berkeley, California, with chapters located throughout other parts of the United States.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Information obtained from this informant is classified CONFIDENTIAL. Should it be necessary to disseminate this information outside the Bureau, it should be appropriately paraphrased in order to adequately protect this highly sensitive source.

1-100-19186 (BPP)

① 157-1079 (BPP-Hartford)

1-157-1143 (F. Carter)

1-157-1310 (Bruce Ryles)

1-157-New (Bunny Creech)

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) DATE: 8/7/70

FROM: SA THOMAS F. MC CORRAY

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
RM - BPP

On 8/6/70 Det. BJ TELESKY, Hartford Police Department furnished the enclosed signed statement by [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] This signed statement concerns BPP and Black Stone Rangers activity in the Hartford area as well as the possession of weapons and dynamite, by members of the Black Panther Party in Hartford. This statement is set forth herein.

LEAD

NEW HAVEN

At Hartford, Ct.

Will review the enclosed signed statement for logical investigative leads.

Will attempt to develop additional information concerning present whereabouts of [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] who escaped from Hartford authorities on or about 8/6/70.

- 2 - 100-19186 (BPP)
- 1 - 157-1284 BLACK STONE RANGERS
- 1 - 157- JOHN YOUNG
- 1 - 157-1609 BUTCH ERAZWELL
- 1 - 157- [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)]
- 1 - 157-1420 BPP SNIPINGS
- 1 - 157-1412 BPP FIREARMS
- 1 - 157-new LARRY WILLIAMS
- 1 - 157- 1775 HAROLD "BOOBY" RICE
- 1 - 157- new CURTIS GAINES
- ① - 157-NCC, Hartford
- 1 - 157-1079

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## HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
COUNTY OF HARTFORD  
CITY OF HARTFORD

155 MORGAN STREET  
DETECTIVE DIVISION

A.M.  
12 P.M. BEGAN

STATEMENT

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

I [ ] give the following statement on my own free will and accord, without fear, threat, or promise, knowing full well it may be used against myself or others in Court.

I LIVE AT [ ].  
I'VE BEEN IN HARTFORD APPROXIMATELY FIVE MONTHS. BEFORE COMING TO HARTFORD I LIVED IN [ ]. I AM GIVING THIS STATEMENT UNDER MY OWN FREE WILL, WITHOUT ANY PROMISES HAVING BEEN GIVEN TO ME.

ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO I WAS AT MY PREVIOUS HOME OF [ ] THE THIRD FLOOR LEFT HAND SIDE. I WAS ON THE BACK PORCH WITH [ ] AND HIS WIFE. I'VE KNOWN [ ] SINCE I CAME TO HARTFORD AND MOVED IN THE APARTMENT ACROSS THE HALL FROM HIM. I DON'T LIKE [ ] BECAUSE HE SHOT AT ME ABOUT A MONTH AGO WITH HIS 22CAL. MAGNUM PISTAL. ON THE NIGHT I'AM TALKING ABOUT ON THE BACK PORCH [ ] STATED THAT HE HAD SOME DYNAMITE, AND HE ASKED ME IF I WANTED TO SEE IT. I SAID YES AND [ ] WENT INTO THE HOUSE AND GOT THE DYNAMITE OUT OF THE REFRIGERATOR. THE DYNAMITE WAS COLD WHEN HE BROUGHT IT ONTO THE PORCH AND HAD ICE ON IT. [ ] BROUGHT OUT 2 BLOCK OF TNT, AND ABOUT 22 STICKS OF DYNAMITE. [ ] ASKED ME TO READ WHAT IT SAID ON THE TNT. THE WRITING ON THE TNT SAID TO PUSH THE HOLES IN ON EITHER SIDE. AFTER READING WHAT IT SAID ON THE TNT [ ] POINTED TO THE STICKS OF DYNAMITE AND SAID "I'AM GOING TO USE THIS." I SAID FOR WHAT, AND [ ] SAID "THIS WILL TAKE DOWN THE WHOLE POLICE STATION." WHILE [ ] WAS HANDLING THE DYNAMITE A LITTLE OF IT FELL ON THE PORCH AND [ ] SAID GET A MATCH AND LIGHT IT. I DID AND IT BEGAN TO BURN. I THEN PUT THE FIRE OUT.

ON THURSDAY NIGHT ABOUT 11:30PM I WAS ON THE BACK PORCH AT [ ] WITH [ ], AND WE SAW POLICEMEN COMING DOWN THE STREET. [ ] HAD A 22 CAL. PISTAL ON HIM. HE TOOK THE PISTAL OUT AND FIRED ONE SHOT AT A POLICEMAN NEAR THE SERVICE STATION ON CAPEN ST. THEN HE FIRED ONE MORE SHOT AT THIS POLICEMAN. THIS POLICEMAN WAS TRYING TO SEE WHERE THE SHOT HAD COME FROM. HE THEN FIRED TWO MORE SHOTS RAPIDLY AT THE POLICEMAN. AS THE POLICEMEN BEGAN TO COME UP THE BACK STAIRS OF THE HOUSE [ ] PUT THE GUN IN A HOLE

A.M.  
P.M. ENDED

The above statement is true and correct to the best of my belief.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this [ ] day of [ ] 1970  
in accordance with Public Act G.S. 1-24

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I \_\_\_\_\_ give the following statement on my own free will and accord, without fear, threat, or promise, knowing full well it may be used against myself or others in Court.

ABOVE THE DOOR TO HIS APT. I SAW ALL OF THE SHOOTING AND THE POLICE COME UP THE BACK STAIRS FOR I WAS THERE THE WHOLE TIME.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT ABOUT 10:30PM I WAS ON THE BACK PORCH AGAIN WITH \_\_\_\_\_, HIS FATHER, ANOTHER BOY AND \_\_\_\_\_ WIFE. \_\_\_\_\_ REACHED INTO THE HOLE ON THE BACK PORCH IN THE CEILING AND TOOK ALL OF THE DYNAMITE DOWN. HE SAID HE HAD TO GET RID OF IT. \_\_\_\_\_ WENT INTO THE HOUSE AND GOT A BROWN PAPER BAG AND PUT THE DYNAMITE, TNT, A LARGE ROLL OF BLACK WIRE AND HIS 22 PISTAL INTO THE BAG. HE GAVE THE BAG TO HIS FATHER AND HIS FATHER SAID HE WOULD KEEP IT FOR. \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER SAID HE DIDN'T NEED THE DYNAMITE BECAUSE HE COULD MAKE A BIGGER EXPLOSION BY USING SUGAR AND SOME KIND OF GUN POWDER. \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER STATED THAT IF HE TOOK THE SUGAR AND POWDER AND WRAPPED IT REAL TIGHT IN PAPER AND THEN PUT A FUSE IN IT, \_\_\_\_\_ COULD LIGHT IT AND, SO HAVE TIME TO GET AWAY. \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER SAID THAT'S THE WAY HE USED TO DO IT THE SERVICE. \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER THEN TOOK THE BAG AND BROUGHT IT TO HIS CAR WHICH WAS PARKED ON THE STREET. I SAW HIM PUT THE BAG OF DYNAMITE INTO THE FRONT SEAT OF HIS CAR WHICH IS ABOUT A 66 OR 67 BUICK, LIGHT GREEN.

ON SATURDAY MORNING \_\_\_\_\_ AND HIS FAMILY MOVED TO \_\_\_\_\_ THIRD FLOOR, AND ME AND MY SISTER \_\_\_\_\_ MOVED TO \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND FLOOR. THIS IS WHERE I LIVE NOW. I HAVE NOT SEEN THE DYNAMITE SINCE I LAST SAW \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER PUT IT IN THE CAR. I ALSO HAVE NOT SEEN THE TNT OR THE PISTAL SINCE THAT TIME. \_\_\_\_\_ SAID HIS FATHER WAS GOING TO KEEP IT FOR HIM FOR A WHILE.

I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_. I TOLD YOU SOME STUFF BEFORE BUT I'LL TELL YOU IT OVER AGAIN ABOUT WHAT I KNOW.

A.M.  
P.M. ENDED

The above statement is true and correct to the best of my belief.

*J. Telesky*  
WITNESSED  
*John J. Telesky*

Sworn and subscribed to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
in accordance with Public Act G.S. 1-24

*John J. Telesky*  
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I \_\_\_\_\_ give the following statement on my own free will and accord, without fear, threat, or promise, knowing full well it may be used against myself or others in Court.

WHEN I CAME TO HARTFORD IN FEBRUARY I DID NOT KNOW \_\_\_\_\_ I MET HIM ABOUT A MONTH LATTER IN MARCH. I HAD ASKED A BOY NAMED \_\_\_\_\_ HOW I COULD GET INTO THE BLACKSTONE RANGERS. \_\_\_\_\_ SAID TO COME TO THE MEETING AT THE BUILDING ON BARBOUR ST. NEAR CAPEN ON TUESDAY AT 5:00PM. I WENT TO THE MEETING THAT TUESDAY AND \_\_\_\_\_ WASN'T THERE THAT DAY. I HAD HEARD THAT \_\_\_\_\_ ON THIS DAY WHEN \_\_\_\_\_ WASN'T THERE, THERE WAS ABOUT 25 OR 30 BOYS THERE. THEY ASKED ME WHY I WANTED TO JOIN. I TOLD THEM I DIDN'T WANT TO JOIN FOR PROTECTION, FC I COULD PROTECT MY OWN SELF. THEY ASKED ME IF ANYONE WAS AFTER ME AND I SAID NO. \_\_\_\_\_ THEN ASKED IF EVERYBODY WANTED ME IN THE CLUB AND HE SAID YES. HE THEN SAID I WAS IN THE CLUB. THEY SAID MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY.

ABOUT A WEEK AFTER I WAS IN THE CLUB I MET \_\_\_\_\_ HE TESTED ME BY HAVING ME FIGHT WITH TWO OTHER BOYS AND WHEN I WAS DONE HE SAID NOW I WAS IN THE CLUB.

IN JUNE SOMETIME I WAS AT \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE AND THERE WAS A LOT OF OTHER BOYS THERE. \_\_\_\_\_ SAID TO ME AND A FEW OTHER BOYS HE TRUSTED THAT IF WE EVER NEEDED A GUN THEY WERE IN THE BACK YARD. HE THEN TOOK US IN THE BACK AND SHOWED US THE GUNS. I SAW AN M-1 CARBINE UNDER THE BACK STEPS, A 357 MAGNUM IN THE FIREPLACE, AND THREE 38 CAL. PISTOLS AND A 44 MAGNUM PISTAL IN A HOLE IN THE BACK YARD. THE HOLE WAS IN AMONG A BUNCH OF WEEDS AND WAS COVERED GRASS.

LAST WEDNESDAY WHEN THE RIOTS STARTED I WAS IN \_\_\_\_\_ BACK YARD WITH SOME OTHER BOYS. \_\_\_\_\_ WANTED TO GIVE ME ONE OF THE 38 CAL PISTAL'S BUT

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The above statement is true and correct to the best of my belief.,

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I TOLD HIM I COULD TAKE CARE OF MYSELF WITHOUT IT. HE GAVE THREE OF THE  
BOYS 38'S, AND ONE THE 44MAGNUM. \_\_\_\_\_ KEPT THE 357 FOR HIMSELF. THE  
ONLY ONES WHO I KNEW IN THE BACK YARD WERE \_\_\_\_\_ AND THERE  
WERE SOME BLACK PANTHERS WHO I DIDN'T KNOW. A SHORT TIME LATTER I LEFT  
\_\_\_\_\_ WAS NEAR THE STORE AT BARBOUR AND CAPEN AND I HEARD GUNSHOTS. THE  
SHOTS HAD COME FROM DOWN THE STREET NEAR DAVE'S. I RAN DOWN THE ST. TO  
SEE WHAT HAD HAPPENED. WHEN I GOT TO DAVE'S I SAW THAT SOMEONE HAD SHOT  
A SHOTGUN AND PISTAL ROUNDS THROUGH THE DOOR. I STAYED THERE ABOUT 10 MINU  
AND I HEARD SOMEONE YELL, "THE PIGS ARE COMING", SO I RAN TO MY HOUSE AND  
DIDN'T COME BACK OUT. ABOUT TWO DAYS LATTER I WAS AT \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE AND  
I ASKED HIM IF HE STILL HAD THE SHOTGUN AN D HE SAID YES IT STILL IN THE  
BACK. I DIDN'T SEE ANY OF THE GUNS AFTER THIS.

SUNDAY, ABOUT 11AM I WAS AT THE BUILDING AT BARBOUR AND CAPEN ST. WITH  
\_\_\_\_\_. I REMEMBER NOW  
THAT \_\_\_\_\_ WERE IN THE BACK YARD WHEN \_\_\_\_\_ HANDED OUT THE  
GUNS. \_\_\_\_\_ GOT A SHOTGUN, AND \_\_\_\_\_ GOT ONE OF THE 38'S. THIS SUNDAY  
THOUGH, \_\_\_\_\_ SAID THAT ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ THE NIGHT BEFORE WHEN THE POLICE WERE  
AT THE PANTHER HEADQUARTERS, HE JUMPED OUT FROM THE BUILDING HE WORKS AT  
AND FIRED AT THE POLICE DOWN THE STREET WITH HIS HIS 357 MAGNUM. \_\_\_\_\_  
SAID HE HAD 18 SHELLS LEFT AFTER HE LOADED HIS GUN. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE  
COULDN'T MOVE BECAUSE THE POLICE WERE ALL AROUND AND HE HAD TO STAY THERE  
UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING. THE LAST TIME I SAW \_\_\_\_\_ WAS YESTER  
DAY AFTERNOON AT HIS HOUSE.

I NOW WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT SOMETHING I DID. ON THURSDAY NIGHT, LATE ABO  
12PM I WAS OUT IN FRONT OF \_\_\_\_\_

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The above statement is true and correct to the best of my belief.,

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1976  
in accordance with Public Act G.S. 1-24

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\_\_\_\_\_ WENT INTO THE BACK YARD AND HAD A TALK. A LITTLE WHILE LATTER \_\_\_\_\_ CAME BACK OUT AND TOOK ME INTO THE BACK. HE ASKED ME IF I KNEW HOW TO SHOOT A SHOTGUN. I SAID YES ALL I DID WAS SHOT SHOT-GUNS WHEN I WAS DOWN SOUTH. HE THEN SAID GO WITH \_\_\_\_\_ AND ... "WHEN YOU DO IT SHOT TO KILL." HE THEN GAVE ME THE SHOTGUN FROM UNDER THE STEPS, AND \_\_\_\_\_ AND I WENT THROUGH THE BACK YARDS OVER TO WHERE I LIVE. WE WENT TO THE SIDE OF THE HOUSE FACING CAPEEN ST. WHERE I LIVE AND WAITED FOR A POLICE CAR TO COME DOWN THE STREET. \_\_\_\_\_ SAID, "MAKE SURE YOU TIME IT JUST RIGHT." ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATTER I SAW A POLICE CAR COMING DOWN CAPEEN ST. FROM THE DIRECTION OF BARBOUR ST. AS THE POLICE CAR GOT IN FRONT OF ME \_\_\_\_\_ SAID "SHOOT", BUT I MADE BELIEVE THE GUN WAS ON SAFE. THE CAR NOW GOT TO THE CORNER NEAR MARTIN ST. AND I JUMPED OUT AND FIRED. WE THEN WENT TO THE BUILDING AT BARBOUR AND CAPEEN IN THE REAR AND HID THE GUN. I THEN LEFT AND WENT HOME. THE NEXT DAY I ASKED \_\_\_\_\_ IF HE HAD GOTTEN HIS GUN BACK AND HE SAID YES.

I ALSO THREW ONE BRICK AT A POLICE CAR BUT I MISSED. THIS WAS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT ABOUT EARLY EVENING.

THE ROUNDS THAT WERE IN THE SHOTGUN WHEN I FIRED AT THE POLICE CAR WERE BIRDSHOT. I KNOW THIS BECAUSE I HELD THEM TO THE LIGHT AND THE CASING WAS GREEN AND I COULD SEE THE LITTLE BB'S.

THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO TELL YOU.

A.M.  
P.M. ENDED

The above statement is true and correct to the best of my belief.,

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (FOIA(b)(7) - (D)) DATE: 9/30/70

FROM : SA RICHARD C. HENRY

☐ TE ☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R  
☐ PC ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R (Prob)  
☒ PRI-GHETTO

SUBJECT: FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

PRI - GHETTO

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157-533	
157-2304	
157-2331	
157-2330	
100-19742	
Purpose and results of contact	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE 157-1079, 100-19742, 157-1753	
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	
On 9/18/70, source confirmed the Black Panther Headquarters in Hartford, Connecticut, has been moved from 135 Barber St. to 1095 Albany Ave., Hartford.	
On 9/23/70, source advised that the NOI mosque #14 has been moved from 40 Albany Ave. to another location somewhere in the North End of Hartford. He will attempt to determine its new location.	
On 9/14/70, source advised that Gary Williams is living with his father on Vine St., Hartford, and has been with Magowan, Dr., Hartford, for a few weeks.	
Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability, or furnishing false information?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Coverage
PERSONAL DATA	Good 157-1079-258 <del>190-240</del>

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

510 Trust Company Building  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

November 13, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
ORGANIZED BY THE BLACK  
PANTHER PARTY  
NOVEMBER 27-29, 1970

On November 12, 1970, NH T-9 advised that the Black Panther Party in New Haven, Connecticut, had furnished \$75.00 in order to rent one bus for the three day trip to Washington, D.C., on November 27 through 29, 1970. Source stated that this bus has a capacity for 45 adults; however, he was unable to determine at this time if this bus would be filled to capacity. Source also stated that the Black Panther Party (BPP) in Cleveland, intended to support the convention by sending their full membership to Washington, D.C.

A characterization of the  
Black Panther Party appears  
in the Appendix.

Participating Black  
Extremist Organizations

NH T-9 advised on November 12, 1970, that the BPP in New Haven, Connecticut, along with other individual blacks from around Connecticut would attend the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention (RPCC). In addition, a group from Middletown, Connecticut, would also be in attendance.

- 11- Bureau
- 2- Cleveland
- 2- San Francisco
- 2- WFO
- 6- New Haen (2- 157-2207) (RPCC)

TFM:cah (1- 100-19186)  
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(RM) (1- 157-1079) (Htfd)  
(1- 157-1085) (Mdltn)

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PANTHER PARTY  
NOVEMBER 27-29, 1970

Finances and Transportation

NH T-9 advised that the BPP had furnished \$75.00 to rent a bus for three days.

NH T-12 on November 10, 1970, advised that FRANCES CARTER, the Finance Coordinator in New Haven, Connecticut, had been furnished with \$70.58 for the Constitutional Convention by the Middletown, Connecticut, Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention Information Center (RPCCIC).

FRANCES CARTER has been identified as a member of the BPP who has been previously arrested in the ALEX RACKLEY murder case and served 14 months in Niantic State Prison. CARTER most recently has acted as Financial Secretary for the BPP in New Haven and as Finance Coordinator for the RPCC at New Haven, Connecticut.

(NH T-17 November 10, 1970)

On November 10, 1970, NH T-7 advised that the BPP in New Haven intended to hold a dance at the Legion Center on the night of November 14, 1970. The benefits obtained from this dance were to be utilized in the financing of the trip to the Constitutional Convention in Washington, D.C.

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Plans For Violence  
And Action Against  
Federal Installations

NH T-9 advised on November 9, 1970, that the BPP in Cleveland, Ohio, intended to go to Washington, D.C., for the Constitutional Convention. A representative of the BPP in Cleveland has stated that if the government reacts unfavorably to the Constitutional Convention, the BPP would return to Ohio and would destroy the National Guard Armory in Akron, Ohio.

Literature and Publications

On September 12, 1970, NH T-55 advised that the BPP in New Haven had established a Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention Information Center in Middletown, Connecticut. This organization was later to be transformed into a National Committee to Combat Fascism which is an information center and a front group for the BPP.

On November 2, 1970, this same source stated that the RPCCIC had set up a headquarters on the second floor in the Hoberman Apartments, 39B South Main Street, Middletown, Connecticut. This source stated that their headquarters contains two rooms and when unoccupied, these rooms are heavily locked. A mimeograph machine and other printing equipment is located in this headquarters. The RPCCIC has published various BPP fliers and several editions of a publication entitled "Black Community News Bulletin". Seven editions of this publication have already been distributed in the Middletown, Connecticut - Wesleyan University areas.

Attached is a sample of this literature.

# TO THE PEOPLE THE REAL HERDES

THE REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION CENTER IS IMPLEMENTING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE:

1. FREE BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
2. FREE HEALTH CENTER
3. FREE CLOTHING PROGRAM
4. PEOPLE'S BAIL FUND
5. PEOPLE'S EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION SERVICE
6. BLACK COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETIN
7. PEOPLE'S LIBERATION SCHOOL

THE BLACK COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETIN, THE PEOPLE'S FREE HEALTH CENTER, AND THE PEOPLE'S EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION SERVICE ARE OFF THE GROUND AND FUNCTIONING. THE OTHERS ARE OFF THE DRAWING BOARD AND WILL BE FUNCTIONING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

FOR THESE PROGRAMS TO BE SUCCESSFUL, IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO MUST SUPPORT THEM AND TAKE CHARGE OF THEM, FOR THE PEOPLE, THROUGH SELF-RELIANCE AND STRUGGLE, AND ONLY THROUGH SELF-RELIANCE AND STRUGGLE, WILL WE SURELY WIN FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY.

TRUE LOVE AND BROTHERHOOD IS SOMETHING THAT IS PRACTICED AND NOT JUST TALKED ABOUT. WE WILL BE FREE ONLY BY SHARING OUR RESOURCES, TIME AND EFFORT, AND FORCING OUR AGGRESSION, HATE, AND HOSTILITY ON THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO OPPRESS US.

TO MAKE THE PEOPLE'S PROGRAMS A REALITY AND A SUCCESS, HERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED. IF YOU CAN HELP US PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL US AT 346-2959 OR 347-9121:

1. FOOD, REFRIGERATOR, AND FREEZER SPACE
2. VOLUNTEERS TO COOK
3. MICROGRAPH PAPER (AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, ANYTIME)
4. TYPISTS (YOU DON'T HAVE TO TYPE 60 WDS. A MINUTE)
5. TYPEWRITERS OR THE USE OF THEM
6. DOCTORS, NURSES AND AIDES
7. STRAIGHT SHOOTERS WHO DON'T MIND STANDING WITH AN ARMY FROM 30 TO 50 MILLION STRONG, ARMED TO THE GILLS AND WON'T HESITATE TO EITHER KILL OR DIE FOR THE FREEDOM, SALVATION, AND LIBERATION OF THEIR PEOPLE.

\*\*\*\*\*R E M E M B E R\*\*\*\*\*SELF - RELIANCE AND STRUGGLE

"WE MUST KID OUR RANKS OF ALL IMPOTENT THINKING. ALL VIEWS WHICH OVERESTIMATE THE POWER OF THE ENEMY AND UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE ARE WRONG."



THE FIRST AND LAST OFFICIAL WARNING TO JACKNAPES AND OBSTRUCTIONIST BUFFOONS ATTEMPTING TO SABOTAGE THE PEOPLE'S PROGRAMS AND DISCREDIT THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE'S SERVANTS.

THERE ARE SOME FOOLS WALKING/RUNNING AROUND MIDDLETOWN ATTEMPTING TO SABOTAGE THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THAT THE R.P.C.C.I.C. ARE IMPLEMENTING TO SERVE THE PEOPLE. THERE ARE SOME FOOLS RUNNING AROUND SPREADING OUTRIGHT LIES ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S SERVANTS. THERE ARE SOME FOOLS RUNNING AROUND TRYING DESPERATELY AT EVERY TURN TO KEEP US FROM GETTING THE BLACK COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETIN TO THE PEOPLE. ONE FOOL HAD THE AUDACITY TO THROW TRASH IN ONE OF THE DONATION BUCKETS FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

THESE OBSTRUCTIONISTS ARE SAYING BY THEIR ACTIONS THAT THEY CHOOSE TO STAND WITH THE ENEMIES OF THE POOR AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE'S JUST STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, SALVATION AND LIBERATION. SOME PEOPLE WITH OPEN EYES AND OPEN EARS HAVE INFORMED US AS TO WHO SOME OF THESE BUFFOONS ARE. WE KNOW NOW THAT THEY COME IN ALL SHAPES, FORMS, AND FASHIONS, AND ARE USUALLY FOUND ON OR ABOUT THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. IN AN EFFORT TO BE AS FAIR AS POSSIBLE WE CALL ON THEM TO PRACTICE SOME SELF-CRITICISM AND REALIGN THEMSELVES -- ALLY THEMSELVES WITH THE PEOPLE.

WE HAVE EARNESTLY AND DILIGENTLY PRACTICED CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM AND SELF-CRITICISM, BUT WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME INTELLECTUAL KNUCKLEHEADS WHO LIKE TO PLAY ALL KINDS OF CHILDISH GAMES WHILE THE MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE ARE ENGAGED IN A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL. WE ARE NOT GOING TO STAND FOR THIS SHIT. WE, THEREFORE, WANT IT KNOWN AND UNDERSTOOD THAT:

"The weapon of criticism will never equal the criticism of weapons."

In the future we are exposing, by name and picture, all jacknapes and obstructionist buffoons to the people we serve and the Black Kamikaze. WE KNOW THEY ARE READY, WILLING, AND ABLE TO DEAL WITH ALL CLASS AND RACIAL ENEMIES. THIS IS NOT A THREAT, IT IS A PROMISE.

DON'T PLAY US SHORT. WE ARE NEITHER FOOLS NOR COWARDS, AND FEAR NEITHER RIDICULE NOR DEATH.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE !

DOUBLE --O BUCKSHOT TO ALL ENEMIES  
OF THE PEOPLE !



R.P.C.C.I.C.

CORRECTING MISTAKEN IDEAS ABOUT THE REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CON-  
STITUTIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION CENTER

BY NOW, THE PURPOSE, AIMS, AND SOCIAL PRACTICE OF THE REVOLUTION-  
ARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CENTER SHOULD BE QUITE CLEAR.  
BUT FOR FEAR OF BEING MISUNDERSTOOD WE SHALL STATE THEM CHEARLY. WE  
ARE DEDICATED TO IMPLEMENTING THE TEN-POINT PROGRAM OF THE BLACK PAN-  
THER PARTY. WE ARE DEDICATED TO SERVING THE POOR AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE  
OF THE GREATER MIDDLETOWN AREA. WE ARE DEDICATED TO STANDING SHOULDER-  
TO-SHOULDER WITH THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF AMERIKKA AND THE WORLD IN AN  
ONGOING EFFORT TO ACHIEVE TOTAL SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AND BEGIN BUILD-  
ING A WORLD BASED ON PEACE, LOVE AND BROTHERHOOD. WE ARE DEDICATED TO  
TAKING THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE 76  
COMPANIES WHICH RULE THE WORLD, AND PUTTING IT IN THE HANDS OF THE  
PEOPLE WHO HAVE A BIRTH-RIGHT TO SHARE AND DEVELOP IT ON THE BASIS  
OF THE EQUALITY OF HUMAN KIND. WE SUBJECT OURSELVES TOTALLY TO THE  
DISCIPLINE AND DIRECTION POINTED OUT THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY BECAUSE  
IT HAS PROVEN THROUGH ITS SOCIAL PRACTICE A DEDICATION TO THE LIBERA-  
TION STRUGGLE OF BLACK PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE IN  
GENERAL, NOT HESITATING TO EITHER KILL OR DIE IN DEFENSE OF THE FREE-  
DOMS WE ALL CHERISH. WE HOLD OURSELVES TOTALLY AND ONLY RESPONSIBLE  
TO THE CRITICISM OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. WE SAY LATER FOR ALL PIGS;  
BOOTLICKERS; FLUNKYS, AND LACKEYS OF THE RULING CLASS, AND THAT GOES  
FOR THE SUPER-RICH GREEDY BUSINESSMEN, THE LYING POLITICIANS, THE RA-  
CIST PIG COPS AND THEIR MAMAS.

IN CONCLUSION, LET US REITERATE: IN THIS NATION ALONE, WE ARE  
FROM 30 TO 50 MILLION STRONG, ARMED TO THE GILLS, AND FOR THE FREE-  
DOM, SALVATION, AND LIBERATION OF OUR PEOPLE WE WILL NOT HESITATE TO  
EITHER KILL OR DIE. WE HAVE NO HANG-UPS WHATSOEVER ABOUT REVOLUTIONARY  
VIOLENCE, AND WE WILL KILL ANY MOTHERFUCKER WHO STANDS IN THE WAY OF  
OUR FREEDOM.

EVERY DROP OF POWER BELONGS TO THE  
PEOPLE 'CAUSE IT'S THE PEOPLE'S POWER!

DEATH TO THE FASCIST PIGS 'CAUSE  
THAT'S ALL THEY GOT COMING !

REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION CENTER

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## APPENDIX

### BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther", which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service", stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the Black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY which ends with the following:

"Black Men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere. Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change, Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... We will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of the "Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun".

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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Reference   Memorandum dated and  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2207) (P)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for San Francisco, Cleveland, and Washington Field two copies each of an LHM concerning captioned matter.

Instant LHM is classified confidential in order to protect sources of continuing value, the disclosure of which could jeopardize national security.

Informants mentioned in the LHM are as follows:

NH T-7 is [redacted]  
NH T-9 is [redacted]  
NH T-12 is [redacted]  
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Middletown, Conn.

NH T-17 is [redacted]

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Police Department

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Will continue to maintain contact with racial and security sources concerning details of captioned convention in order that the Bureau may be advised on a weekly basis.

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Brief description of activity or material  <u>Robert Webb inspected Hartford BPP. appointed William Weaver Defense Captain. Plan now to fortify BPP Hartford, 1095 Albany Ave.</u>		File where original is located if not attached  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">FOIA(b) (7) - (D)</div>
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On 9-13-70 Bubba and Robert Webb came to Hartford from New Haven to inspect the new headquarters at 1095 Albany Ave., at which time they stated it was perfect and plans should now be made to fortify the windows.

The rent for the place is to cost \$165 per month, and it is being rented from a man named Steiner. They also have to pay McCullough \$350 back rent for the place they had while on Barbour St.

Webb appointed William Weaver as the Defense Captain and told him to start classes in defense. They were also told that all arrests should be avoided as there is no money for bail bonds.

The headquarters has two telephones each with its own number and one extension phone. The phones are in working order.

A breakfast program is expected to start soon, for they do have food stored and are just waiting for the right place to do cooking.

It is expected that perhaps five people will be allowed to sleep at the headquarters.



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Brief description of activity or material <u>Meeting of Hartford BPP. Ryles stated need money, all are to go to work. Said there are no guns as all taken by police during raid 8-2-70. Breakfast program can start.</u>		File where original is located if not attached <b>FOIA(b) (7) - (D)</b>
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9-18-70

On 9-18-70 Bruce Ryles, Captain of the BPP Hartford, called a general meeting to announce to all that there is a great need for money and all are to get work to build up the treasury.

He also stated that there are no guns available to the members for they were all taken by the police during the raid August 2, 1970.

Ryles stated he felt it was possible to start the breakfast program on Monday, but he did not say where it would be held.

Those present at this meeting were:

Bruce Ryles  
William Weaver  
Thomas Corn  
Gregory Green  
Arthur Holliday  
Lottie Brown  
Nitty LNU who lives 44 Capen St.

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Brief description of activity or material

Bruce Ryles making plans to run the BPP properly on a budget. Sent two members to buy equipment for winter. Mel Braswell will teach BPP how to organize.

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Tony Olquin

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On 9-29-70 it was announced by Bruce Ryles that he was going to make every effort to repay the back rent to McCullough on the Barbour Street address.

He also stated that Tony Olquin was going to contribute his welfare money to the Hartford chapter for any use necessary.

A weekly budget was drawn up to reflect the following as needed expenses:

Utilities	\$25.00
Rent	\$40.00
Purchase Technical	
Equipment	\$15.00
Food	\$40.00

Money for the food was to come from Nitty and Tony as they each are on welfare and their rent money is paid by that check.

Bruce hopes that 1200 papers will be given them for he feels they can then clear \$300 on the sales.

Would like to buy a car for transportation of the members.

Gregory Green has been assigned to work with William Weaver to look into the possible purchase of boots, blankets, gas masks, gloves and coats for winter. They went to the Army & Navy store on Asylum St., for costs.

Butch Braswell came to headquarters with some of his members of the Blackstone Rangers. He stated he will show the BPP how to organize if they want. He stated he has people giving him money without even asking for it. Braswell stated he is in a position to control the whole North End.

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Brief description of activity or material

Ryles stated Dolores Burney and Vernon Miller purged from BPP. Discipline laid down on two members by Ryles.

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157-1310 Ryles  
157-1461 Dolores Burney  
157-1371 Vernon Miller  
157-1247 Phil Wright  
157-1563 Cecil Honegan  
157-1451 Robert Webb  
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Bruce Ryles on 10-1-70 stated that Dolores Burney and Snake Miller have been purged from the BPP in New Haven.

Philip Wright and Cecil Honegan have been placed on extra duty by Ryles for some act of insolence, and are now having to clean both headquarters and the "pad" at 44 Capen St.

It has been suggested by Robert Webb that several members of the Hartford group should be sent to Boston where they will be taught how to obey. Bruce Ryles stated that he will not go, or will he allow any of the members to go. He says this may result in a split between Hartford and New Haven but he does not care.

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10/30/70

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Date(s) of activity

10/29/70

Brief description of activity or material

WEBB wishes to rent five buses for trip to Washington, D.C., Nov. 26-29, 1970. THOMAS CORN has stolen \$1500 of paper and bail funds. ORLANDO ROSA trying to organize in Meriden the Puerto Ricans.

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1-100-19186 BPP

①-157-1079 Hartford, BPP

1-157-1451 ROBERT WEBB

1-157-1310 BRUCE RYLES

1-157-1755 THOMAS CORN

1-157-1431 BPP Funds

1-157- ORLANDO ROSA

1-157- TONY OLQUIN

1-100- YOUNG LORDS

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ROBERT WEBB, on 10/29/70 stated he was interested in renting at least five buses to transport people to the Revolutionary Constitution in Washington, D.C., the last few days of November, 1970. He stated he felt there would be no trouble in getting enough people to fill that number of buses.

BRUCE RYLES, former BPP Captain in Hartford stated 10/29/70 the old BPP in Hartford has split into three groups, and one group is now with the Young Lords.

RYLES stated that FOIA(b) (7) - (C) has stolen \$1500 from the paper and bail funds and left the state. RYLES stated the BPP would like to find him soon.

RYLES also stated it is possible he will be able to locate a place on Mansfield St., where his group can meet.

RYLES also stated that ANTHONY OLQUIN, a former member of the BPP, is now running around by himself, and has said he is going to Meriden each day in an effort to try to organize the Puerto Ricans in that city. What success he is having is not known. OLQUIN and ORLANDO ROSA are working with the Young Lords but not members of the YLS.

s/g JACK JOHNSON  
11/10/70



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN ([REDACTED]) (P)

DATE: 11-27-70

FROM : SA RICHARD C. HENRY

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
PRI-GHETTO

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 11-18-70, [REDACTED] (Protect Identity), [REDACTED] St., Hartford, Connecticut, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

On 11-13-70, he attended a meeting at Mather Hall on the campus of Trinity College, Hartford. At the meeting were approximately fifty persons, most of them white and most of them students from Trinity College. The meeting was arranged by some students, leader of whom appeared to be a student name JAMES (LNU). JAMES (LNU) was the master of ceremonies, and GEORGE GREEN was the guest speaker. The purpose of the meeting was to raise money for the BPP Breakfast Program. GREEN explained to the group that attempts were being made to reorganize the Breakfast Program, and identified himself to them as the Breakfast Program Coordinator. No money was obtained at the meeting.

1- [REDACTED]  
1- [REDACTED]  
1-100-19186  
~~1-157-1079~~  
1-157-1403 Breakfast Program  
1-157-1777-3 Charles Gaines  
1-157-2361 Nitty Wright  
1-157-2286 Greg Cooper  
1-157-2191 James T. Thomas  
1-157-1310 Bruce Ryles  
1-157-1248 Greg Green  
1-157-1784 Duncan  
1- [REDACTED] UNCODED  
1-157-1247 Phil Wright  
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[redacted]  
[redacted] is a "community worker", and not a Black Panther. Community workers sell the BPP newspaper, work with the Breakfast Program, act as mediators in disputes with landlords in the ghetto, and otherwise direct their activities towards the improvement of the ghetto community. Community workers are affiliated with the National Committee to Combat Fascism, a branch of the Black Panther Party. They also prepare leaflets and poster, and do typing and other kinds of paperwork. Machines at the University of Hartford were used to run off documents in quantity.

Community workers used to have meetings separate from meetings of the Black Panthers, every Thursday, and at the home of a different community worker each week. No meetings have been held for about two months.

[redacted] and some others whose names are unknown. [redacted] has been trying to reorganize the community workers, but has been unsuccessful.

BRUCE RYLES was the leader of the Black Panther Party, but it is now defunct in Hartford and the old members have not been able to regroup. RYLES tried to reorganize the old Panthers into a group called the United Liberation Front, of which he, RYLES, would be leader. However, RYLES has so far been unable to reorganize the old Panthers into any kind of cohesive group.

Before the Panthers split up, only members could go into the headquarters office during the daytime. [redacted] was not a member, but he was given the privilege of going into the headquarters because [redacted]

[redacted] but the program was stopped over a month ago. Churches that were used for the program were St. Michael's on Clark St., and a

[REDACTED]

church behind the Firestone Company on Main St., and a church in Stowe Village. Money, eggs, grits, bacon, sausage, bread, syrup, and other items were contributed voluntarily to the program upon solicitation from owners of local markets, notably Snyder's Market on Barbour St., Copaco's Market in Bloomfield, and Monkey's on Main St., Hartford.

The Panthers tried to get [REDACTED] to join the Black Panther Party, but [REDACTED] refused because he did not like the conduct of BPP meetings, and does not believe in using guns as a means of achieving a goal, and in no event except in the case of unjustified physical attack or to protect a family member.

[REDACTED]

He has not seen WRIGHT for several weeks.

BERTRUM DUNCAN has the nickname "BUTCH".

[REDACTED] has not seen TOM CORN or GREGORY LANE for a long time.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN [REDACTED] (P)

DATE: 11/27/70

FROM : SA RICHARD C. HENRY

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

SUBJECT: JERRY R. DARBY  
PRI-GHETTO

On 11/24/70, [REDACTED] (Protect identity),  
[REDACTED] Hartford, Connecticut, who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, furnished  
the following information:

On 11/22/70, a meeting of the Blackstone Rangers was  
held in the lobby of the Barbour Arms Apartments,  
Barbour St., Hartford. The apartment building is  
located next to the residence of BUTCH BRASWELL, 57½  
Barbour St. The following individuals attended the  
meeting:

BUTCH BRASWELL  
JOHN BOOKER  
JAMES BURNEY  
FLOYD BURNEY  
BERTRUM DUNCAN  
WILLIE LEDBETTER  
ROBERT RABB  
GEORGE ALSTON  
JERRY DARBY

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(1-100-19186) (BPP)

(1-157-1079)

(1-157-1284)

(1- [REDACTED])

(1-157-1609 BRASWELL)

(1-157-1783 BOOKER)

(1-157-2115 J. BURNEY)

(1-157-1782 F. BURNEY)

(1-157-1784 DUNCAN)

(1-157-2069 LEDBETTER)

(1-157-2053 RABB)

(1-157-2086 ALSTON)

(1-157-2201 DARBY)

(1-157-2130 HOLLIDAY)

(1-157-2198 MAHONE)

(1-157-1268 C. WRIGHT)

(1-157-1247 P. WRIGHT)

(1-157-1546 GEORGE GREEN)

(1-157-1244 MIKE FOTHERGILL)

(1-157-1047 EDWARDS)

(1-157-2361 NITTY WRIGHT)

(1-157-2248 SPEIGHT)

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Also present was a fat youth who seems to attend the meetings regularly. BRASWELL is the leader of the Blackstone Rangers, and holds the title of Sergeant-at-Arms. BOOKER is the Secretary, and JAMES BURNEY is the Treasurer.

The main topic of discussion at the meeting was how to get ARTHUR HOLLIDAY out of jail. BRASWELL wanted to bail him out, and asked JAMES BURNEY how much money he had on hand. BURNEY had \$50 or \$60, and BRASWELL told him to hang on to it for bail purposes for HOLLIDAY. It is unknown whether HOLLIDAY was bailed out of jail.

On 11/21/70, a rally was held in Hartford by the People's Liberation Party in protest against alleged incidents of brutality by members of the Hartford Police Department. Marching in the crowd were many individuals who appeared to be guards or marshals, because they wore special red arm-bands and appeared to be directing or controlling the crowd. Among those present as guards or marshals were the following individuals:

JAMES MAHONE  
COOKIE WRIGHT  
PHILLIP WRIGHT  
GEORGE GREEN  
MIKE FOTHERGILL  
LEONARD EDWARDS  
KENNETH SPEIGHT  
NITTY WRIGHT

Source advised that MAHONE is with the Panthers, and works part-time at the pool hall located on Barbour St. near the intersection of Westland St. Source also identified GREEN, PHILLIP WRIGHT, COOKIE WRIGHT, NITTY WRIGHT, and SPEIGHT as Panthers. He advised that FOTHERGILL and EDWARDS used to be associated with the Panthers, but that he does not know their current status. EDWARDS hangs out quite a lot at the pool hall on Barbour St.

Source had no information concerning the People's Liberation Party or its membership.

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# Memorandum

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN [REDACTED]

DATE: 11/30/70

FROM : SA RICHARD C. HENRY

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
PRI - GHETTO

On 11/20/70, [REDACTED] (protect identity), [REDACTED], Hartford, Connecticut who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

A meeting of the Blackstone Rangers scheduled for 11/19/70 was cancelled by BUTCH BRASWELL because of the funeral being held that day for GREGORY STINSON, a Negro youth who committed suicide while in jail.

On 11/19/70, JERRY DARBY and [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED], Hartford. In the second floor bedroom closet is a black case resembling a case for a musical instrument. [REDACTED] emptied the case and displayed a disassembled machine gun. All of the pieces appeared to be in good condition. Also in the closet were a rifle and a single-barreled shotgun which [REDACTED] claimed he uses for hunting.

[REDACTED] also had approximately four revolvers in the upstairs bedroom. They consisted of a large magnum revolver, two .32 caliber pistols, and one .38. Only the magnum was in working condition, but [REDACTED] is trying to find parts for the others so they will also be operable. Various kinds of ammunition, including .32 caliber and .25 caliber rounds and shotgun shells, were scattered throughout the house.

The Secretary of the Blackstone Rangers is JOHN BOOKER. JAMES BURNEY holds the position of Treasurer. In about two weeks, the Rangers plan to hold new elections for officers, and it is unlikely that any new members will be admitted prior to those elections, so that newcomers will not have as much voice in the elections as regular members.

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- (1 - 157-1079)
- (1 - 157-1284)
- (1 - 157-1311)

- (1 - 157-2201)
- (1 - 157-1783)
- (1 - 157-J. BURNEY)
- (1 - 157-1247)
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Present plans call for meetings of the Blackstone Rangers to be held every Monday and Wednesday evening at the Barbour Arms Apartments on Barbour Street. The apartment building is brand new and only one or two families presently occupy it. Meetings are held in the lobby. The front door is always locked, but BRASWELL might have a key to the building because he always opens it up for the meetings.

PHILLIP WRIGHT and BRASWELL were together on Barbour Street on 11/20/70, but it is not known what they were up to.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186)

DATE: 11/27/70

FROM : SA RICHARD C. HENRY

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
RM - BPP

On 11/23/70, Detective JOHN TELESKY, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department furnished the following information, which he obtained from a source:

During the weekend of November 22-23, 1970, a meeting of members of the Blackstone Rangers and Black Panthers in Hartford was held at [redacted] Hartford, the residence of one [redacted] had several handguns, probably .38's which appeared to be new. He bought them from a white male in Springfield, Massachusetts, and was trying to sell them to the Panthers for \$100 a piece. All the guns were snub-nosed. [redacted] has a record with the Hartford Police Department, and his photograph number is [redacted]

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

BUTCH BRASWELL was in charge of the meeting. Others in attendance were GREGORY LANE, KENNETH SPEIGHT, GREGORY GREEN, CORNELL WRIGHT; PHILLIP WRIGHT; ARTHUR HOLLIDAY, BERTRUM DUNCAN, AND either HAROLD RICE or DAVID HONEGAN. [redacted]

[redacted] Detective TELESKY advised his source felt that BRASWELL was engaging in

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- (1 - 157-2130 HOLLIDAY)
- (1 - 157-1311 BRASWELL)
- (1 - 157-2248 SPEIGHT)
- (1 - 157-1268 C. WRIGHT)
- (1 - 157-1248 G. GREEN)
- (1 - 157-1247 P. WRIGHT)
- (1 - 157-1784 DUNCAN)
- (1 - 157-1754 LANE)
- (1 - 157-2361 N. WRIGHT)

- (1 - 157-1755 CORN)
- (1 - 157-1310 B. RYLES)
- (1 - 157- MC GRIFF)
- (2 - 157-NEW SHAW)
- (1 - 157- A. HONEGAN)
- (1 - 157-1775 RICE)
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*[Signature]*





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boasting and big talk, and that none of the members of the group were [REDACTED] UNCODED  
Detective TELESKY advised he has informed all units of the Detective Division and Patrol Division of the Hartford Police Department, and that no further action is being considered at this time.

Detective TELESKY further advised that THOMAS CORN, GREGORY LANE, KENNETH SPEIGHT, and NITTY WRIGHT are reportedly now residing in Detroit, Michigan, and are presently in Hartford for a brief visit. They stay at the home of another Panther in Hartford, the name and address of whom are unknown. BRUCE RYLES and LOTTIE BROWN (MC GRIFF) have been talking about moving to Chicago, Illinois.

Detective TELESKY had no further information.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN [REDACTED]

DATE: 11/27/70

FROM : SA RICHARD C. HENRY

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
PRI - GHETTO

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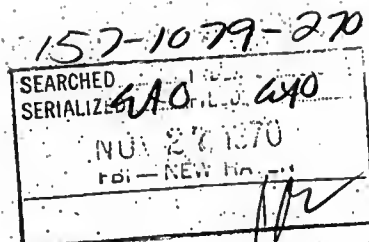
On 11/17/70, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED] St., Hartford, Conn., who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information:

A meeting of the Blackstone Rangers was held in the lobby of the Barbour Arms Apartments on Barbour St. on 11/11/70. Approximately 20 people were at the meeting. Among those present were:

MELVIN BRASWELL  
"PENNY"  
JOHN BOOKER  
JAMES BURNEY  
BERTRUM DUNCAN  
ROBERT RABB  
JERRY DARBY

- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-19186
- ① - 157-1079
- 1 - 157-1284
- 1 - 157-1311 (BRASWELL)
- 1 - 157-New (PENNY)
- 1 - 157-1783 (BOOKER)
- 1 - 157-2113 (J. BURNEY)
- 1 - 157-1784 (DUNCAN)
- 1 - 157-2149 (RABB)
- 1 - 157-2201 (DARBY)
- 1 - 157-1755 (CORN)
- 1 - 157-1754 (LANE)

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Also present was a fat youth about 17 years old.

BOOKER appeared to hold the position of secretary because he was taking notes at the meeting.

PENNY is a Negro male, age about 18, with a close haircut and a horseshoe-shaped scar just above his forehead. The scar is clearly defined. PENNY often wears a black leather sailor-type cap and regularly attends the Blackstone Ranger meetings. His real name is unknown, but he resides on Blue Hills Ave., Hartford.

BRASWELL is the leader of the Blackstone Rangers. At the meeting he had with him a large revolver believed to be a magnum. It was fully loaded and BRASWELL was showing it off to the other youths at the meeting.

JAMES BURNEY appeared to hold a position of leadership because he was giving some orders. BURNEY drinks a lot.

JOHN BOOKER is an electrician, but his place of employment is unknown. He owns a gold 1968 Thunderbird and another late-model Ford. On 11/12/70, JERRY DARBY and JOHN BOOKER were in the backyard of BOOKER's residence on Plainfield St., Hartford. BOOKER had a .32 or .38 calibre revolver which he fired several times for practice. It is unknown where he obtained the revolver, or if BOOKER has any other weapons.

On 11/12/70 or 11/13/70, TOM CORN was seen driving his mother's blue Chevrolet. GREGORY LANE was with him. Later the same day they were seen at the pool hall on Barbour St. near the intersection of Westland St.

It is suggested that a case be opened on "PENNY" and that the cases on JOHN BOOKER and JAMES BURNEY be reopened.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN [REDACTED] (P)

DATE: 11/30/70

FROM : SA RICHARD C. HENRY

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
PRI - GHETTO

On 11/12/70, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED]  
Hartford, Connecticut, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C) who recently stole  
about \$1500 from the Black Panther group in Hartford, has  
not been seen around Hartford lately, and is believed to  
have fled to another state or to have gone into Canada.

On 11/24/70, COLE advised that a couple of days previously,  
he observed a white Volkswagen bus (white on top, blue on  
the bottom) bearing Connecticut license number GR-8040 in  
front of Fisher's Package Store on Asylum St. in Hartford.  
The van contained Black Muslim newspapers, and several  
well-dressed Negroes removed some of the papers from the van  
and began selling them on the sidewalk. He believes all of the  
individuals who took part in trying to sell the papers also  
arrived in the bus, and believes them to have been Black  
Muslims.

COLE further advised that there is now a group in Hartford  
calling itself the People's Liberation Party, which appears to  
consist of members of both the Black Panther Party and the  
Young Lords, although it seems to be headed by Puerto Ricans.

- 1 - [REDACTED]  
① - 157-1079  
1 - 157-1755  
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Received by

SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR.

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☐ by mail

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☐ recording device

☐ written by Informant

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FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

☐ Information recorded on a card index by \_\_\_\_\_ on date \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

- 1- FOIA(b) (7) - (D)  
1- 100-19186  
1- 157-1311 (MELVIN BRASWELL)  
1- 157-1310 (BRUCE RYLES)  
1- 157-2186 (LOTTIE BROWN)  
1- 157-1470 (WILLIAM WEAVER)  
1- 157-1284 (BLACKSTONE RANGERS)  
1- 157-1944 (BUBBA)  
1- 157-1451 (R. WEBB)  
1- 157-1526 (BPP, DISTRIBUTION)  
1- 157-1458 (ROBERT WHITE)  
1- 105-10338 (PEOPLE'S LIBERATION PARTY)  
1- 157-1418 (BPP, WEAPONS)  
1- 157-1079 (BPP, HARTFORD)

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November 24, 1970

On November 24, 1970, MELVIN BRASWELL was heard to say that BRUCE RYLES and LOTTIE BROWN are in town at this time, but they have given thought to leaving to live in Chicago.

BRASWELL said he is taking 300 copies of the Panther paper each week from WILLIAM WEAVER to sell. He stated he uses members of the Blackstone Rangers to help him sell copies of the papers.

BRASWELL and WEAVER were overheard talking, and WEAVER said BUBBA or ROBERT WEBB deliver 500 copies to the BSU at UCONN each week. They also deliver 500 copies to the BSU at Wesleyan University in Middletown and 500 to Southern State College, New Haven.

WEAVER told BRASWELL that ROBERT WHITE is interested in the BPP again and would like to sell papers.

The People's Liberation Party, a group of Puerto Rican youth, are still using the house on Kennedy Street they took over a day ago. They have pistols and indicate they know how to use them.

The North End appears to be on the side of Officer PLEASANT at this time over Officer CALVERT. They feel PLEASANT, a black officer, will not get a fair hearing by the police department. They feel this is the time to raise a bit of noise in his favor.

There is a man named [ ] who has a record shop on Garden and Capen Street, who is reported to be able to provide guns as he has a contact at the S&W plant in Springfield, Massachusetts. [ ] is believed to have a shop in Springfield, also. It is now located on the green between State and Wilbraham Streets.

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12/16/70

Date received

12/7/70

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Received by

SA RICHARD C. BUSCHING

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Authenticated by Informant 12/8/70

Brief description of activity or material

**Information regarding possible liquidation**

of FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

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FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

☐ Information recorded on a card index by \_\_\_\_\_ on date \_\_\_\_\_

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Hartford, Connecticut  
December 7, 1970

[FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] is "on the spot", that is, marked for liquidation. The reason being that he is believed to be "the other way", that is, an informant. It was understood that [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] (LNU) discussed this matter on December 7, 1970.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079)

DATE: 1/13/71

FROM : SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR.

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)  
HARTFORD NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO  
COMBAT FASCISM (NCCF) CHAPTER  
RACIAL MATTERS

A communication had been sent the Bureau August 31, 1970 reflecting the names of several persons arrested by the Hartford Police, some of whom had been selling the BPP newspaper. The Bureau suggested that if cases had not been opened on each, that this be done.

Cases had been opened on the following:

PHILLIP WRIGHT	157-1247
THOMAS GORN	157-1755
TYRONE JACKSON	157-2287
GREGORY DAVIS	157-2404
HAROLD T. RICHARDSON	157-2406
LESTER PLUMMER	157-2402
LEONARD MC INTEE	157-2405
ROBERT SAUNDERS	157-2403

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## Memorandum

TO

SAC

New Haven

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

DATE:

1/21/71

FROM

SA

Peter H. Doland

☐ CI☐ SI☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI☐ PSI☐ R☒ X

PRE-CH-PTC

SUBJECT:

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

## Dates of Contact

12/23/65 1/21/71

## File #s on which contacted (Use Titles when File #s not available or CI positive info.)

105-10348

Negotiation

157-533

Negotiation

157-1079

Negotiation

## Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE☐ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Coverage

Racial matters - fair

## PERSONAL DATA

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*[Signature]*

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## Memorandum

TO

SAC

New Haven

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

DATE:

FROM

SA

Peter H. Deland

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R☒ CS

SUBJECT:

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

## Dates of Contact

12/23/70; 1/21/71

## File #s on which contacted (Use Titles when File #s not available or CI positive info.)

105-10348

negative

157-533

negative

157-1079

negative

## Purpose and results of contact

- ☒ **NEGATIVE**  
☐ **POSITIVE**  
☐ **STATISTIC**

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

## Coverage

Racial matters - good

## PERSONAL DATA

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

January 22, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2088

RE: [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

also known as

[REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

On May 4, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Division, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised that [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

[REDACTED] Street, Hartford, Connecticut, date of birth, [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C), was involved on April 10, 1970 in a student disturbance at Weaver High School, Ridgefield Street, Hartford, Connecticut in which approximately \$5,000 damage was done to the premises.

Lieutenant JORDAN advised [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C) is a member of the Blackstone Rangers, Hartford, Connecticut, but he could provide no further information.

The Blackstone Rangers reportedly are publicly known as a militant organization which was originated in 1962 as a small band of Negro youths residing in the southside of Chicago. Through the years this organization grew in size and structure until 1967 at which time they were able to call a meeting of over 1,500 Rangers.

The Rangers developed satellite gangs, but the entire organization came under the control of a small group of 21 members known as the "Main 21". This small group supervised and made policy decisions for the federation of Ranger

- 5 - Bureau
- 1 - 108 MIG, Hartford
- 1 - SS, New Haven
- 5 - New Haven (1-100-19186)
- (1-157-1284)
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RE: [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

gangs. This federation eventually took on a new name and is now known as the Ranger Nation, with several affinity groups operating in cities throughout the United States.

On June 1, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Director, Adult Records Section, Hartford Police Department, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for subject.

On June 1, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Section, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable for subject:

April 10, 1970 - Malicious Damage to  
Public Property  
Arrest Location: 25 Ridgefield Street  
Case Number: 70-10043  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)  
Mother: [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

On June 1, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Clerk, Greater Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, 25 Pratt Street, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for subject or his mother.

On July 10, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised the records revealed the following information identifiable for subject under the name of [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

Subject was born [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C) at Hartford, Connecticut, parents not listed. Subject entered Weaver High School on September 3, 1969, Grade 9, and resided at [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

RE: [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)]

On July 10, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 70 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised a review of the records revealed subject was born on [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] at Hartford, Connecticut as certified by a birth certificate.

On July 10, 1970, Mr. ROBERT BLESSING, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, advised the records revealed no information identifiable for subject.

On July 10, 1970, Detective JERRY BURR, Intelligence Division, Hartford Police Department, advised subject is a member of the Blackstone Rangers, but the extent of his participation is unknown, and he could provide no information regarding present activities of subject.

On September 1, 1970, Detective ROBERT DAVIS, Juvenile Section, Hartford Police Department advised a review of subject's arrest record revealed no new information since contacted on June 1, 1970.

On September 4, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, advised the records for the fall term are not available and no determination can be made to ascertain if subject is a student enrolled for the 1970 - 1971 school year until the second week of October.

On September 15, 1970, Detective JOHN TELESKY, Intelligence Section, Hartford Police Department advised subject in the past has been observed in the presence of Blackstone Rangers. Detective TELESKY advised he has not been observed lately participating in Blackstone Rangers' activities.

On October 15, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Records Department, Hartford, Connecticut Police

RE:

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

Department advised since contacted by this agent on September 9, 1970, subject was arrested on September 23, 1970 for Disorderly Conduct. The case was referred to Juvenile Court, no disposition was listed in the file.

On October 15, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised subject, date of birth [FOIA(b) (7) - (C)] Hartford, Connecticut registered on September 9, 1970 at Weaver High School, Grade 10, for the 1970 - 1971 school year.



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Date: 1/22/71

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2088) (P)

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

RM - BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Title is marked CHANGED to reflect subject's true name as indicated in the records of the Hartford Board of Education.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 7 copies of a LHM, dated and captioned as above.

A copy of instant LHM is being furnished to 106th MIG, Hartford, Connecticut and U. S. Secret Service, New Haven, Connecticut.

LEAD:NEW HAVENAt Hartford, Connecticut.

Will contact racial sources regarding subject's activities with the DPP and Blackstone Rangers.

2 - Bureau (Encl. 8)  
 (5) - New Haven (1 - 100-19186)  
 (1) - 157-1284  
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Date prepared

12/10/70

Date received

12/8/70

Received from (name or symbol number)

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Received by

SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR.

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

Dictated 1/26/71 to A. PISCITELLI

Transcribed 1/26/71

Authenticated  
by Informant 12/11/70

Date of Report

12/8/70

Date(s) of activity

12/7/70 and 12/5-6/70

Brief description of activity or material

BPP in Hartford interested in People's  
Liberation Party. Members questioned  
effects of any revolution by the party.

File where original is located if not attached

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.  
VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

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Remarks:

8 - New Haven

(1 - FOIA(b) (7) - (D))

(1 - 100-19186)

(1 - 157-1079 BBP, Hartford)

(1 - 157-1471 WILLIAM WEAVER)

(1 - FOIA(b) (7) - (C))

(1 - 157-1451 ROBERT WEBB)

(1 - 105-10338 JOSE CLAUDIO)

(1 - 157-1944 BUBBA)

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December 8, 1970

On December 7 1970 it was determined that the BPP from New Haven was interested in [ ] because he seems to be asking some questions they believe are out of order [ ] is not truly a Puerto Rican for his mother is Chinese.

Thinking [ ] might be an informant, the People's Liberation Party were told by ROBERT WEBB to move all of their guns from headquarters to prevent them from falling into the hands of police in case of a raid.

JOSE CLAUDIO was taken to New Haven by WILLIAM WEAVER at the request of WEBB. It seems that WEBB hopes to show him how to organize.

In New Haven at 35 Sylvan Ave., over 12/5-6/70 there were several discussions concerning the intent of the talk given by HUEY NEWTON in Washington, D.C., 11/29/70 at which he gave the impression the U.S. should become Communist.

Those involved in the discussions ROBERT WEBB, BUBBA, WILLIAM WEAVER, a young boy who had been arrested in the area some while ago, and four whites, names unknown. They felt that if the BPP staged a revolution and crippled industry and the like what was going to prevent some other country from coming in and taking over. They also felt that industry would be hurt because there would be none who could run the businesses.

It was stated at this time the proper thing to do would be to pick out some buildings at random and then destroy them if their demands were not met. This idea met with agreement.

Date prepared

12/18/70

Date received

12/14/70

Received from (name or symbol number)

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Received by

SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR.

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Date

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Transcribed 1/26/71

Authenticated by Informant 12/19/70

Date of Report

12/14/70

Date(s) of activity

12/9/70

Brief description of activity or material

Plans for setting up PLP given by WEBB.

No BPP papers being sold in Hartford.

File where original is located if not attached

UNCODED

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8 - New Haven (1 - UNCODED)  
(1 - 100-19186)  
(1 - 157-1079 BPP Hartford)  
(1 - 157-1471 WILLIAM WEAVER)  
(1 - 157-1451 ROBERT WEBB)  
(1 - 105-10338 JOSE CLAUDIO)  
(1 - 105-10348 PLP)  
(1 - 157-1526 BPP, Distribution)  
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December 14 1970

On December 9 1970 WILLIAM WEAVER and JOSE CLAUDIO went to New Haven to see ROBERT WEBB. He reportedly told them how to set up the PLP in Hartford. He said they need security and should split into groups with a captain of each group. It was suggested that there be 6 to a group and that all guns should be put into the community and not left in headquarters in case of a raid by the police.

CLAUDIO told WEBB the PLP had plans to take over a building on Main St. which had been a drug store prior to the housing authority taking it over. He also stated that WEAVER was to be in charge of Security and help them fortify the building.

The PLP has one car they can use but they must wait for the owner to get back from work. He, CLAUDIO, stated the community is behind them.

There are no BPP papers being sold in Hartford at this time. WEBB wanted to send some up for sale by WILLIAM WEAVER who is being used for distribution purposes but he would not do so until the \$100 owed for past papers by ALLEN SMITH has been paid.

There is a man named JOSE CRUZ, 85 Williams St., Hartford, who has come around the PLP asking a lot of questions. Some of the members are afraid he is a policeman, and intend to try to check him out.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

January 20, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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CHARLES JULIUS DOGANS

On May 5, 1970, Detective JOHN TELESKY, Hartford Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut, advised he received information that CHARLES DOGANS, residing at 269 Plainfield Street, Hartford, Connecticut, is associated with either the Black Panther Party or the Blackstone Rangers. Detective TELESKY did not disclose the source of his information.

On May 22, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Director, Adult Records Section, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with CHARLES DOGAN, residing at 269 Plainfield Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

On May 22, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Clerk, Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, Room 500, 25 Pratt Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed no identifiable information with subject.

On July 24, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed the following information for CHARLES DOGANS:

Subject was born [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] at Cheraw, South Carolina. His parents are listed as ERNEST and BESSIE DOGANS. As of September 6, 1967, subject was attending Weaver High School, Grade 12, and resided at 269 Plainfield Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

- 8 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - 108th MIG, Hartford (RM)
- 1 - Secret Service, New Haven (RM)
- 5 - New Haven (2-157-2057)
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RE: CHARLES JULIUS DOGANSCONFIDENTIAL

On July 24, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records for 1950, 1951, and 1952, revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On July 24, 1970, Mr. ROBERT BLESSING, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable with the subject under Connecticut State Police number 225333:

Subject was arrested [redacted] and on November 3, 1969, at Plainfield, Connecticut, for robbery with violence.

On July 24, 1970, Detective JERRY BURR, Intelligence Division, Hartford Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut, advised subject is active in the Black Panther Party and is seen frequenting the Black Panther Party headquarters at 135 Barbour Street, Hartford, Connecticut, and soliciting funds.

On August 17, 1970, NH T-1 advised the records contained the following information for subject:

Name:	CHARLES JULIUS DOGANS
Address:	269 Plainfield Street Hartford, Connecticut
Date of birth:	[redacted]
Place of birth:	Cheraw, South Carolina
Race:	Negro
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	175 lbs
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Social Security No.:	[redacted]
Selective Service No.:	6-2-51-106 - registered January 29, 1970 - 1A August 4, 1970
Telephone No.:	522-1695
Education:	March 5, 1969 - 12th Grade, Weaver High School
Close Associate:	Mrs. LOIS HENRY, 249 Cleve- land Ave., Hartford, Conn.
Mother:	Mrs. BESSIE DOGANS
Relatives:	All residing at 269 Plain- field Street, Hartford, Conn.

FOIA(b) (6)

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RE: CHARLES JULIUS DOGANS

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Brother: JAMES DOGANS  
Employment: Manpower, Inc., Carpenter,  
A.I. Prince Technical Annex,  
122 Washington Street,  
Labor Department

On August 2, 1970, Mrs. FRANCIS GRIGGS, Title and Operator Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut, advised the records contained the following information for subject:

Name: CHARLES J. DOGANS  
Address: 269 Plainfield Street  
Hartford, Conn.  
Date of birth: FOIA(b) (6)  
Height: 6'2"  
Operator License No.: 012372485, issued  
January 22, 1970, expires  
January, 1971

On November 30, 1970, NH T-2 advised subject attended a meeting of the Blackstone Rangers on November 25, 1970, at the Barbour Arms Apartment, Barbour Street, Hartford, Conn. NH T-2 advised subject stopped in for only a minute or two and then left.

The Blackstone Rangers reportedly originated in 1962 at which time they were a small group of Negro youths residing in the South Side of Chicago. Through the years the organization grew both in size and structure until in 1967 they were able to call a meeting of over 1,500 Rangers.

The Rangers had satellite gangs but the entire organization came under the control of a small group of twenty-one members known as the "Main 21". They were to supervise and make policy decisions for the Federation of Ranger Gangs. This Federation eventually took on a new name and is now known as the Ranger Nation.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party (BPP) appears in the Appendix.

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APPENDIX

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
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The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, George Murray. This article ended with the following:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Haven, Connecticut  
January 20, 1970

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Title CHARLES JULIUS DOGANS

Character Racial Matter  
Black Panther Party  
Reference Memo dated and captioned as above  
at New Haven, Connecticut.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

1/20/71

SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2057) (P)

CHARLES JULIUS DOGANS, aka Charles J. Dogans  
RM - BPP  
(OO: New Haven)

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven  
copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

A copy of instant LHM is being furnished to the 108th  
MIG, Hartford, Connecticut, and U.S. Secret Service,  
New Haven, Connecticut.

The enclosed LHM is being classified "CONFIDENTIAL"  
in order to protect the identities of NH T-1 and NH T-2,  
the disclosure of which could result in compromising an  
informant of continuing value.

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

LOCATION

NH T-1 -

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

157-2057-4

NH T-2 -

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

LEAD

NEW HAVEN DIVISION

At Hartford, Connecticut

Will contact sources re subject's activities in  
the Black Panther Party and the Blackstone Rangers.

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)  
② - New Haven (2-157-2057)  
(1-157-1079)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

January 22, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2403

RE: FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

On August 22, 1971, subject, as well as 8 other young people were arrested in a civil disturbance in Hartford, Connecticut. These individuals were selling Black Panther Party (BPP) newspapers, shouting BPP slogans, and blocking the sidewalks.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party (BPP) appears in the Appendix.

On December 21, 1970, Mr. CHARLES THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 73 Elm Street, advised a search of the records under subject's name, date of birth, FOIA(b) (6), revealed no information identifiable for subject.

On December 23, 1970, Mrs. FRANCES GRIGGS, Operators' License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut advised the records contain no information identifiable for subject.

On December 23, 1970, Mrs. MARION LAWRENCE, Registration Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut advised a review of records revealed no motor vehicle is registered in subject's name in the State of Connecticut.

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1 - SS, New Haven  
1 - 108th MIG, Hartford  
1 - New Haven (1-100-19186)  
1 - (1-157-1079)  
1 - (1-157-1284)  
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Date: 1/22/71

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2403) (P)  
SUBJECT: FOIA(b) (7) - (C)  
RM - BPP  
(OO: NEW HAVEN)

RE: New Haven airtel and LHM, dated 11/23/70, and captioned, "Civil Disturbance, Hartford, Connecticut, August 22, 1970".

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LEAD:

NEW HAVEN

At Hartford, Connecticut.

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2 - Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)  
③ - New Haven (1 - 100-19186)  
① - 157-1079  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

January 25, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2405

RE:

FOIA(b)(7) - (C)

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On December 23, 1970, Mrs. FRANCES GRIGGS, Operators License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut advised records of that department contain no information identifiable with subject.

On December 23, 1970, Miss MARION LAWRENCE, Registration Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut advised a review of records

- 8 - Bureau
- 1 - 100th MIG, Hartford
- 1 - SS, New Haven
- 5 - New Haven (1-157-2405)
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SUBJECT: "CHANGED"

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aka

RM - BPP  
(OO: NEW HAVEN)

Title is marked CHANGED to include subject's full name,  
FOIA(b) (7) - (C) as reflected in the records  
of the Connecticut Board of Health, Hartford, Connecticut.

RE: New Haven airtel and LHM, dated 11/23/70, and  
captioned, "Civil Disturbance, Hartford,  
Connecticut, August 22, 1970".

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to 108th MIG, Hartford, Connecticut and U. S. Secret  
Service, New Haven, Connecticut.

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LEAD:

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At Hartford, Connecticut.

Will contact racial sources regarding  
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Blackstone Rangers.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

January 25, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2065

RE:

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

On May 5, 1970, Detective JOHN TELESKY, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised that [FOIA(b) (7) - (C)], 124 Enfield Street, Hartford, Connecticut is a member of the Blackstone Rangers. Detective TELESKY did not reveal the source of his information.

The Blackstone Rangers reportedly are publicly known as a militant organization which was originated in 1962 as a small band of Negro youths residing in the southside of Chicago. Through the years this organization grew in size and structure until 1967 at which time they were able to call a meeting of over 1,500 Rangers.

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157-1079-288

RE: [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)]

On May 27, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Director, Adult Records Section, Hartford, Connecticut, records revealed no information identifiable for subject.

On May 27, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Division, Hartford Police Department, advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable for subject:

NAME:	JAMES W. PATTERSON
ARRESTED:	1/3/60 - at Weaver High School Ridgefield Street
CASE NO:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	[FOIA(b)(7) - (C)]
FATHER:	
RESIDENCE:	124 Enfield Street

On May 27, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Clerk, Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, Room 500, 25 Pratt Street, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for subject or his father, [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)], residing at 124 Enfield Street.

On July 24, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Section, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, advised the records contained the following information for subject:

[FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] as of September 3, 1969 was enrolled at Hartford Public High School, Grade 10. [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] date of birth was listed as [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] Hartford, Connecticut, certified by birth certificate. Subject resides at 126 Enfield Street, Hartford, Connecticut with his parents, [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)]

On July 24, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised subject's date of birth is [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] as certified in Volume 54, Certificate Number 15973.

RE: [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)]

On July 24, 1970, Mr. PETER PEZONE, Supervisor, Identification Section, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for subject.

On September 1, 1970, Mrs. FRANCES GRIGGS, Title and Operators License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut advised a review of the files indicated no information for [UNCODED] [UNCODED] date of birth, [UNCODED], 124 Enfield Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

On September 1, 1970, Mrs. MARIAN LAWRENCE, Registration Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut advised no vehicle is registered in subject's name in the State of Connecticut.

On October 1, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Records Section, Hartford Police Department advised a review of the records revealed no new arrest for subject since contacted by this Agent on May 27, 1970.

On October 1, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Research Section, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, advised subject registered on September 9, 1970 for the 1970 - 1971 school year at Hartford Public High School, Grade 10, and resides at 126 Enfield Street.

Numerous appointments had been made at his residence and at the Hartford, Connecticut Resident Agency for the possibility of an interview regarding his activities in the Black Panther Party (BPP) and Blackstone Rangers, with negative results. On all



RE: [REDACTED]

FOIA(b)(7) - (C)

occasions, subject failed to appear for the interview.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party (BPP) appears in the Appendix.

On December 3, 1970, Mr. [REDACTED] SR., subject's father, was interviewed at his place of employment, Registration Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut. [REDACTED] advised subject resides at his residence, 124 Enfield Street, Hartford, Connecticut, is unemployed, and maintains irregular hours.

[REDACTED] advised he is aware his son has made numerous appointments with this Agent for the purpose of interview, but has failed to appear for same.

[REDACTED] advised he would attempt to arrange an interview for his son with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for Self Defense

According to the official newspaper of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was started in December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby G. Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2065) (P)  
SUBJECT: FOIA(b) (7) - (C) aka  
RM - BPP  
(OO: NEW HAVEN)

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Copies of instant LHM are being furnished  
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Secret Service, New Haven, Connecticut.

LEAD:NEW HAVENAt Hartford, Connecticut.

Will interview subject regarding his  
activities in BPP and Blackstone  
Rangers.

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SA JOHN A. DANAHY, JR.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

Dictated 1/26/71 to A. PISCITELLI

Transcribed 1/27/71

Authenticated by Informant 1/19/71

Date of Report

1/14/71

Date(s) of activity

1/11/71

Brief description of activity or material

WEBB wanted to set up Hartford and Bridgeport again if possible, using members from other areas. New system for distribution of papers is being arranged. Says no more PLP in Hartford.

File where original is located if not attached

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

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- (1 - 100-19186 BPP)
- (1 - 157-1079 BPP, Hartford)
- (1 - 157-1471 WILLIAM WEAVER)
- (1 - 157-1451 ROBERT WEBB)
- (1 - 157-1944 BUBBA)
- (1 - 157-1255 ELISE BROWN)
- (1 - 157-2326 EDIE JACKSON)
- (1 - 157-741 GEORGE EDWARDS)
- (1 - 157-1526 BPP, Distribution)
- (1 - 157-2233 ORLANDO ROSA)
- (1 - 105-10338 JOSE CLAUDIO)
- (1 - 105-10348 PLP)

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On January 11, 1971, ROBERT WEBB was at headquarters, 35 Sylvan Ave., New Haven, when he stated he felt that it would be good if he was able to again set up BPP chapters in the cities of Hartford and Bridgeport. He had in mind trying to recruit members from Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago to come into the state to assist him, but he said he was not getting much response. (c)

WEBB also stated the present headquarters is not a good building because it is not heated, and the water system has gone bad. The only toilet working is on the second floor, and the heat comes from a gas stove. WEBB said he expects to move to a new building on Dixwell Ave.

Presently staying at 35 Sylvan Ave. are WEBB, BUBBA, ELISE, EDIE, GEORGE EDWARDS, three other girls, and four other men. There are three children, two who are just walking and one baby. The baby is supposed to belong to EDIE.

A new system for distribution of papers has been set up by WEBB. He is sending a fellow named WILLIAM WEAVER to Corona, N.Y., Fridays to pick up the BPP paper. The paper will then be taken to the Harlem Branch of the BPP where the Brooklyn Branch will pick up its share. The rest will be brought to Conn., where some are left with a Mrs. CLAYBORN in Stamford (runs a beauty shop), then others are brought to New Haven, and the last left at the Afro House at UConn. (c)

Fridays are to be the days for distribution and Mondays the days to collect money from the paper sales.

There is no more People's Liberation Party. Since the money for the papers was taken by ORLANDO ROMA, CHARLES LOGAN left, and JOSE CLAUDIO, everything fell apart. The old address for the headquarters on Kennedy St. has been taken over by blacks. There is no indication as to what happened to the Puerto Ricans.

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New Haven, Connecticut

January 19, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2036

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RE: RAY JOEL WILBUR FATHERGILL, JR.  
also known as  
Gerald Fathergil,  
Gerald Wilbert Fothergill, Jr.

On May 6, 1970, NH T-1 advised that several members of the Black Panther Party (BPP) from Hartford, Connecticut including subject appeared at the Military Induction Center, Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut. On this date, NH T-1 advised the individuals appeared to have been members of the BPP in view of their uniformed dress and their frequent shouts concerning the BPP and BOBBY SEALE.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party appears in the Appendix.

These individuals caused a disruption, however, were contained when officers of the 102 Military Intelligence Group (MIG) threatened to call in the police. It eventually quieted down and there was no violence.

NH T-1 contributed the following information regarding subject:

NAME:	RAY JOEL WILBUR FATHERGILL, JR.
DATE OF BIRTH:	FOIA(b) (6)
PLACE OF BIRTH:	Hartford, Connecticut
SOCIAL SECURITY NO:	FOIA(b) (6)
RESIDENCE:	480 Bellevue Square Hartford, Connecticut

On May 15, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Director, Adult Records Section, Hartford, Connecticut Police

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - SS, N.H.
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RE: RAY JOEL WILBUR FATHERGILL, JR.

Department advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for subject.

On May 15, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Section, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with subject.

On May 15, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Hartford, Connecticut Credit Rating Bureau, Room 500, 25 Pratt Street, advised a review of the records revealed no information for subject or anyone by the name of FATHERGILL residing at 480 Bellevue Square, Hartford, Connecticut.

On July 13, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable with the subject:

Subject was born [FOIA(b) (6)] at Hartford, Connecticut which is certified by birth certificate. Subject was released from school attendance while enrolled at Hartford Public High School, Grade 12. Mr. SAXTON advised subject was residing at 14A Bellevue Square at that time.

On July 13, 1970, Detective JERRY BURR, Hartford Police Department, advised subject is not presently active in the BPP and he has not observed subject in the area of 135 Barbour Street recently and has no information regarding his present activities.

On July 13, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Board of Health, State of Connecticut, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, advised a review of the records revealed no

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RE: RAY JOEL WILBUR FATHERGILL, JR.

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information identifiable with the subject.

On July 13, 1970, Mr. ROBERT BLESSING, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford advised a review of their records revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On August 11, 1970, NH T-2 advised a check of the records revealed the following information identifiable for subject:

NAME:	GERALD WILBERT FOTHERGILL, JR.
ADDRESS:	14 A Bellevue Square Hartford, Connecticut
SELECTIVE SERVICE NO:	6 2 47 1543
DATE OF REGISTRATION:	March 1, 1966
SOCIAL SECURITY NO:	FOIA(b) (6)
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	522-8824
EMPLOYMENT:	Assistant Recreation Director, Hartford Board of Education
CLOSE ASSOCIATE:	Mrs. HELEN GREEN 34 B Action Street Hartford, Connecticut
EDUCATION:	Hartford Public High School, completed 2 years of high school.
DATE OF BIRTH:	FOIA(b) (6)
PLACE OF BIRTH:	Hartford, Connecticut
MARITAL STATUS:	Single
RACE:	Negro
SEX:	Male
BUILD:	Medium
EYES:	Brown
HAIR:	Black
HEIGHT:	5' 8"
WEIGHT:	143 pounds

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RE: RAY JOEL WILBUR FATHERGILL, JR.

RELATIVES:

FATHER:

GERALD W. FOTHERGILL, SR.

14 A Bellevue Square  
Hartford, Connecticut

MOTHER:

HELENA FOTHERGILL

14 A Bellevue Square  
Hartford, Connecticut

BROTHERS:

BRYAN FOTHERGILL

14 A Bellevue Square  
Hartford, Connecticut

CLAYVERN FOTHERGILL

14 A Bellevue Square  
Hartford, Connecticut

SISTER:

CHERYL FORTSON

19 Earle Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

On August 11, 1970, Mrs. FRANCIS GRIGGS, Title and License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut advised a review of the records revealed the following information for subject:

NAME:

GERALD W. FOTHERGILL

DATE OF BIRTH:

FOIA(b) (6)

HEIGHT:

5' 11"

ADDRESS:

14 A Bellevue Square  
Hartford, Connecticut

OPERATORS LICENSE:

112547617, issued 6/10/70  
expires 11/70.

On August 11, 1970, Mrs. MARIAN LAWRENCE, Registration Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut advised a review of the records revealed no vehicle is registered in subject's name.

On October 19, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Records Department, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department,

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advised a review of the records revealed since contacted by this agent on May 15, 1970, subject was arrested on September 23, 1970 for the possession of narcotics and non-support. The case was continued until November 17, 1970. A review of the records on November 20, 1970 revealed no disposition.

On October 19, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised subject, date of birth, FOIA(b) (6), attended Hartford Public High School from September 5, 1963 to October 2, 1968, grade 12. Mr. SAXTON advised subject was dropped from the records for non-attendance. Mr. SAXTON advised subject did not register on September 9, 1970 for the 1970-1971 school year and it is presumed he has no intentions of returning.

On December 21, 1970, NH T-3 advised subject is a student at the University of Hartford, residing at 14 A Bellevue Square.

NH T-1 advised subject is not a member of the Black Panther Party or Blackstone Rangers, nor has he been observed attending meetings of the Blackstone Rangers or Black Panther Party.

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New Haven, Connecticut  
January 19, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2036

Title RAY JOEL WILBUR FATHERGILL, JR.

Character

Reference New Haven Memorandum, dated  
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: 1/19/71

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2036)  
SUBJECT: "CHANGED"

RAY JOEL WILBUR FATHERGILL, JR., aka  
Gerald Fathergil,  
Gerald Wilbert Fothergill, Jr.  
RM - EPP

Title is marked CHANGED to reflect subject's aliases of GERALD FATHERGILL and GERALD WILBERT FOTHERGILL, JR., as reflected in the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut and Local Board 2, U. S. Secret Service System, Hartford, Connecticut.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 1 original and 7 copies of a LHM, dated and captioned as above.

A copy of instant LHM is being furnished to 108th MIG, Hartford, Connecticut and U. S. Secret Service, New Haven, Connecticut.

Enclosed LHM is being classified CONFIDENTIAL due to information received from NH T-1, NH T-2, and NH T-3, the disclosure of which could result in compromising of informants of continuing value.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 8)  
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NH T-1 is	[Redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	157-2036-1
NH T-2 is		
NH T-3 is		157-2036-4
		[Redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

LEAD:

NEW HAVEN

At Hartford, Connecticut.

Will interview subject regarding his affiliation with the Black Panther Party and Blackstone Rangers as a potential racial source.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

January 25, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2058

RE: [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)]

On May 4, 1970, Detective JOHN TELESKY, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised subject date of birth, [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] residence at 93 Enfield Street, Hartford, Connecticut, is a member of the Blackstone Rangers. Detective TELESKY did not reveal the source of his information.

The Blackstone Rangers reportedly are publicly known as a militant organization which was originated in 1962 as a small band of Negro youths residing in the southside of Chicago. Through the years this organization grew in size and structure until 1967 at which time they were able to call a meeting of over 1,500 Rangers.

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On May 22, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Director, Adult Records Section, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with subject.

- 3 - Bureau
  - 1 - 108th MIG, Hartford
  - 1 - SS, New Haven
  - 5 - New Haven (2-157-2058)
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RE: [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

On May 22, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Division, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable with subject:

NAME: [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)  
CASE NUMBER: [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS: 93 Enfield Street  
DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 527-0095  
ARRESTED: December 19, 1969, Shoplifting  
ARREST LOCATION: 1250 Park Street  
FATHER:  
MOTHER:  
ARRESTED:

[REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

On May 22, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Clerk, Hartford, Connecticut Credit Rating Bureau, Room 500, 25 Pratt Street, advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable with subject's parents:

FATHER: [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)  
ADDRESS: 93 Enfield Street  
EMPLOYMENT: Owner, Golden Sunset Cafe,  
address not stated.  
MOTHER: [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (C)  
ADDRESS: 93 Enfield Street  
EMPLOYMENT: Not stated.

On July 24, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised a review of the records

RE: [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)]

revealed the following information for the subject:

Subject was born [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] at Hartford, Connecticut. His parents are listed as [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)]. [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] As of January 29, 1970, subject was attending Burr Grammar School, Grade 7, and residing at 93 Enfield Street, Hartford.

On July 24, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On July 24, 1970, Mr. ROBERT BLESSING, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford, advised that a review of the records revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On July 24, 1970, Detective JERRY BURR, Intelligence Division, Hartford Police Department, advised subject is an active member in the Blackstone Rangers and has been observed selling newspapers for the Black Panther Party (BPP). Detective BURR advised he has no information regarding subject's present activities.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party (BPP) appears in the Appendix.

On September 1, 1970, Detective JOHN TELESKY, Intelligence Section, Hartford Police Department advised subject is an active member in the Blackstone Rangers. Detective TELESKY advised subject has been observed selling newspapers for the BPP, and in the presence of BPP members.

On September 4, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut, advised the records for the fall term are not available and no determination can be made to ascertain if subject is a student enrolled



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for the 1970 - 1971 school year until the second week of October.

On September 10, 1970, Detective ROBERT DAVIS, Juvenile Section, Hartford Police Department advised a review of the records revealed the following information is contained in subject's file since last contacted on May 22, 1970:

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FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

On October 22, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Records Department, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised a review of the records revealed no new arrest for subject since contacted by this Agent on September 10, 1970.

On October 22, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised subject registered on September 9, 1970 for the 1970 - 1971 school year at Burr Grammar School, Grade 8, and resides at 93 Enfield Street.

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for Self Defense

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FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2058) (P)  
SUBJECT: FOIA(b) (7) - (C)  
RM - BLACKSTONE RANGERS  
(OO: NEW HAVEN)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 1 original and 7 copies of a LHM, dated and captioned as above.

A copy of instant LHM is being furnished to 108th MIG, Hartford, Connecticut, and U. S. Secret Service, New Haven, Connecticut.

LEAD:NEW HAVEN

At Hartford, Connecticut.

Will contact racial sources regarding subject's activities with Blackstone Rangers.

2 - Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)  
5 - New Haven  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Haven, Connecticut

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

January 21, 1971

ROBERT GREGORY LANE  
THOMAS CONLEY CORN  
KENNETH EUGENE SPEIGHT

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On December 29, 1970, Detective JOSEPH HAMMICK, Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised that the following individuals have been identified by the victim as having participated in an attempted armed robbery in Hartford, Connecticut, on December 22, 1970:

ROBERT GREGORY LANE

Date of Birth: [FOIA(b)(6)]

Residence: 47 Branford Street,  
Hartford, Connecticut (Parents)

THOMAS CONLEY CORN

Date of Birth: [FOIA(b)(6)]

Residence: 63 Hubbard Street,  
Bloomfield, Connecticut (Parents)

KENNETH EUGENE SPEIGHT

Date of Birth: [FOIA(b)(6)]

Residence: 214 New-London Turnpike  
Glastonbury, Connecticut (Parents)

At approximately 6:45 a.m., on December 22, 1970, ROBERT BRODY, 27 Owens Street, Hartford, Connecticut, answered a knock on the front door of his residence. He was confronted by three Negro males whom he subsequently identified from police photographs as LANE, CORN, and SPEIGHT, whom BRODY knows personally. The three demanded BRODY's money and threatened

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Re: ROBERT GREGORY LANE  
THOMAS CONLEY CORN  
KENNETH EUGENE SPEIGHT

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him with a rifle and a hunting knife. They discovered that BRODY's bank book reflected a \$500.00 balance and demanded that he go to the bank and withdraw the money. They also cut BRODY's telephone line, and the extension phone in the bedroom of the residence. BRODY and his wife escaped through a window in the house and contacted police.

Detective HAMMICK advised that CORN was arrested on December 28, 1970, and that LANE was arrested on December 29, 1970. Both were charged with Robbery with Violence. SPEIGHT has not been located and a warrant for his arrest is outstanding.

On December 29, 1970, Mrs. HARRIET WEIBER, Clerk, Circuit Court 14, Hartford, Connecticut, advised that the cases on LANE and CORN were continued to January 11, 1971, and that both were in custody at the Connecticut Correctional Center, Seyms Street, Hartford, in lieu of \$5,000.00 bond each. On January 18, 1971, Sergeant VINCENT SUPPLE, Circuit Court 14, advised that on January 11, 1971, LANE was bound over to Superior Court, Hartford, and was released after posting a \$1,500.00 bond. CORN's case has been continued to January 25, 1971, and CORN remains in jail in lieu of \$5,000.00 bond. The present whereabouts of both LANE and SPEIGHT are unknown.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 18, 1971 that LANE, CORN, and SPEIGHT are known to him as members of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party will be found in the Appendix.

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SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1836) (C)

LAWRENCE MURRAY  
RM-BPP

RE: Bureau Airtel to New Haven, 1/8/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

~~Copies of this LHM are being furnished to NH, Hartford, and U.S. Secret Service, New Haven, Conn.~~

Subject is not being placed on the Security Index or Agitator Index as it has been determined through racial sources and an interview with subject, he is not nor has he ever been a member of the Black Panther Party or affiliated organizations. No further investigation is being considered and this case is closed.

The enclosed LHM is being classified confidential due to information contained therein received from NH T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4 and T-5, the disclosure of which could result in compromising informants of continuing value.

NH T-1 is Mrs. LAURA GRIGGS (Protect), Local Board #2, Selective Service System, Hartford, Conn.

NH T-2 is Mr. CLIFTON MC COLLOUGH (PRI), 305 Ridgefield Street, Hartford, Conn.

NH T-3 is NH 641-R (PROB).

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NH T-4 is Mr. GEORGE R. GREEN, 52 Clark Street, Hartford, Conn. GREEN is a leader of the BPP Breakfast Program.

NH T-5 is Mr. ROBERT LEE RABB, JR. (PRI).



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

January 25, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2053

RE: ROBERT LEE RABB, JR.,  
also known as  
Robert Rabb,  
"June Bug"

On May 4, 1970, Detective JOHN TELESKY, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised that ROBERT RABB, date of birth, October 15, 1951, resides 6 West Clay Street, Hartford, Connecticut, is a member of the Blackstone Rangers in Hartford, Connecticut. Detective TELESKY did not reveal his source of information.

The Blackstone Rangers reportedly are publicly known as a militant organization which was originated in 1962 as a small band of Negro youths residing in the southside of Chicago. Through the years this organization grew in size and structure until 1967 at which time they were able to call a meeting of over 1,500 Rangers.

The Rangers developed satellite gangs, but the entire organization came under the control of a small group of 21 members known as the "Main 21". This small group supervised and made policy decisions for the federation of Ranger gangs. This federation eventually took on a new name and is now known as the Ranger Nation with several affinity groups operating in cities throughout the United States.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - 108th MIG, Hartford  
1 - SS, New Haven  
1 - New Haven (1-157-2053)  
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157-1079-320

RE: ROBERT LEE RABB, JR.

On May 20, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Division, Hartford Police Department advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable for subject:

NAME:	ROBERT RABB, also known as "June Bug"
ADDRESS:	6 West Clay Street
DATE OF BIRTH:	12/19/51
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	527-0807
CHARGE:	Loitering on School Grounds, 6/4/69
CASE NUMBER:	F-15637
MOTHER:	PEARL ANDERSON, address not listed

On May 25, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Director, Adult Records Section, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for subject.

On May 25, 1970, Miss SALLY PEARL, Clerk, Hartford, Connecticut Credit Rating Bureau, Room 500, 25 Pratt Street, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for subject or his mother, PEARL ANDERSON.

On July 1, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised a review of the records revealed the following information for subject:

Subject was born December 19, 1951 at Baltimore, Maryland. His parents are listed as ROBERT and PEARL RABB. He entered Hartford Public High School on September 7, 1966, and was dropped from the records for

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non-attendance on March 29, 1968, and was residing as of September 7, 1966, at 6 West Clay Street, Hartford. Subject's step-parent was listed as HERMAN ANDERSON, no address given.

On July 1, 1970, Detective JERRY BURR, Intelligence Division, Hartford Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut advised the subject is an active member of the Blackstone Rangers and Black Panther Party. Detective BURR advised subject is a frequent visitor at the Black Panther Party (BPP) Headquarters, 137 Barbour Street, Hartford, and sells newspapers for the BPP. Detective BURR advised he has no recent information regarding the present activities of subject for the BPP.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party appears in the Appendix.

On July 1, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, advised a review of the records for the years 1950, 1951, and 1952 revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

On July 1, 1970, Mr. ROBERT BLESSING, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable with the subject:

Subject was arrested June 18, 1969 at Hartford, for Breach of Peace and Loitering. Subject was also arrested September 26, 1969, for Breaking and Entering a dwelling at day and Larceny. On April 1, 1970, he was arrested for two counts Theft of Motor Vehicle; Breaking and Entry with Criminal Intent of a Motor Vehicle.

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The records also showed subject was fingerprinted at Fort Holabird, Maryland on February 25, 1970.

On August 11, 1970, Mrs. FRANCES GRIGGS, Title and Operators License Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut advised a review of the records was negative for subject.

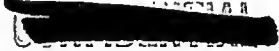
On August 11, 1970, Mrs. MARIAN LAWRENCE, Registration Section, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield, Connecticut advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for subject.

On November 22, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Records Department, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department, advised since contacted by this Agent on July 1, 1970, subject was arrested on October 30, 1970 for Auto Theft. On November 9, 1970, subject was sentenced to 30 days at the Seyms Street Jail.

On November 22, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised subject, date of birth, December 19, 1951, Baltimore, Maryland, was dropped from the records on March 29, 1968. Mr. SAXTON advised subject did not register on September 9, 1970 for the 1970 - 1971 school year. Mr. SAXTON advised subject resides at 6 West Clay Street.

On November 17, 1970, NH T-1 advised subject attended a meeting of the Blackstone Rangers at the Barbour Arms Apartments, Barbour Street, Hartford, Connecticut on November 11, 1970.

On November 24, 1970, NH T-1 advised subject attended a meeting of the Blackstone Rangers on November 22, 1970.



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On December 11, 1970, NH T-1 advised subject attended a meeting of the Blackstone Rangers on December 10, 1970.

On December 17, 1970, NH T-1 advised on December 4, 1970, subject attended a meeting of the Blackstone Rangers.

On December 22, 1970, the following information and description of subject was obtained by interview and observation:

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Date 12/24/70

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On December 22, 1970, ROBERT RABB was interviewed at his residence, 6 West Clay Street, Hartford, Connecticut by Special Agent CHRIS R. HOEHLE and Special Agent RICHARD C. HENRY. Both Agents identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the purpose of the interview regarded the activities of RABB in the Blackstone Rangers. RABB signed the Interrogation; Advice of Rights, Your Rights form.

RABB advised although he has attended meetings of the Blackstone Rangers, he is not a member on an active basis. RABB stated he attends meetings in the basement of the Barbour Arms Apartments, on Barbour Street. RABB advised the meetings are conducted by BUTCH BRASWELL, the Manager of the Barbour Arms Apartments. RABB advised BRASWELL travelled to Chicago, Illinois during the Summer of 1969 to become a member of the Blackstone Rangers and then organized the Hartford, Connecticut Chapter on his return.

RABB advised the Blackstone Rangers are divided into three groups consisting of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Maniacs, and Imperial Pimps.

The following is a description of ROBERT RABB:

NAME:	ROBERT LEE RABB, JR.
ADDRESS:	6 West Clay Street Hartford, Connecticut
DATE OF BIRTH:	12/15/51
PLACE OF BIRTH:	Baltimore, Maryland
SOCIAL SECURITY NO:	045-44-3905
HEIGHT:	5' 8"
WEIGHT:	160 pounds

On 12/22/70 at Hartford, Connecticut File # NH 157-2053  
by SA RICHARD C. HENRY  
SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE / pjb Date dictated 12/23/70

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HAIR: Black  
EYES: Brown  
COMPLEXION: Dark  
EDUCATION: Tenth Grade, March, 1968,  
Hartford Public High School  
EMPLOYMENT: Unemployed  
RELATIVES:  
MOTHER: Mrs. PEARL ANDERSON, deceased  
12/69  
FATHER: ROBERT RABB, SR., 663 Flushing  
Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
AUNT: Mrs. KATHY ROSEBROUGH  
6 West Clay Street,  
Hartford, Connecticut  
BROTHER: LARRY ANDERSON, Age 13  
9 Oakland Terrace  
Hartford, Connecticut  
SISTERS: NORMA ANDERSON, Age 15  
HELEN ANDERSON, Age 12  
GERALDINE ANDERSON, Age 10  
EVELYN ANDERSON, Age 7  
All the above listed sisters  
reside at 6 West Clay Street,  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut  
January 25, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2053

Title ROBERT LEE RABB, JR.

Character

Reference New Haven Memorandum, dated  
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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Date: 1/25/71

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FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2053) (C)  
SUBJECT: "CHANGED"

ROBERT LEE RABB, JR., aka  
Robert Rabb,  
"June Bug"  
RM - BLACKSTONE RANGERS  
(OO: NEW HAVEN)

Title is marked CHANGED to reflect subject's true name, ROBERT LEE RABB, JR., as obtained from interview on 12/22/70 regarding association with Blackstone Rangers.

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A copy of instant LHM is being furnished to 108th MIG, Hartford, Connecticut and U. S. Secret Service, New Haven, Connecticut.

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2 - Bureau (Encls. 8)  
6 - New Haven (1 - 157-2053)  
(1 - 157-1079)  
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(2 - 170-NEW) (ROBERT LEE RABB, JR.)

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Special Agent in Charge

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NH T-1 is NH 641-R (PROB)  
Located in NH 170-362, Sub 1-6, 7, 10, 13.

During the interview of subject on 12/22/70, he spoke candidly of his past criminal record and activities in Blackstone Rangers. Although, he was reluctant to contribute names of the members other than BUTCH BRASWELL, leader of the Blackstone Rangers, on 1/14/71 subject was recontacted and was cooperative and readily answered questions.

Subject resides in a high crime area of the Negro Ghetto, and is closely associated with BUTCH BRASWELL.

NH 641-R (PROB) advised subject is a member and a frequent participant in Blackstone Ranger meetings. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that this 157 case be closed and a new 170 case be opened on subject to determine his potential as a racial informant of Blackstone Rangers.

LEAD:

NEW HAVEN

At Hartford, Connecticut.

Will maintain contact with ROBERT LEE RABB, JR., to determine his potential as a racial informant in Blackstone Rangers.

Regarding the information set forth in Page 6 of enclosed LHM, RABE claims that in order to gain acceptance in the three groups making up the Blackstone Rangers assignments are given to its members of varying degrees of difficulty with the Imperial Pimps, the lesser, and the FBI, the most difficult. RABB will be reinterviewed in detail regarding this, and a LHM submitted under the Blackstone Ranger caption.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut  
January 20, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2039

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RE: RODNEY EARL HICKS

On May 6, 1970, NH T-1 advised that several members of the Black Panther Party (BPP) from Hartford, Connecticut including subject appeared at the Military Induction Center, Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut for processing on this date. NH T-1 advised the individuals appeared to have been members of the BPP in view of the uniformed dress and their frequent shouts concerning the BPP and BOBBY SEALE.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party appears in the Appendix.

These individuals caused a disruption, however, were contained when officers of the 108 Military Intelligence Group threatened to call in the police. They eventually quieted down and there was no violence. NH T-1 contributed the following information for subject:

NAME:	RODNEY EARL HICKS
DATE OF BIRTH:	11/25/49
PLACE OF BIRTH:	Hartford, Connecticut
RESIDENCE:	64 Bellevue Square Hartford, Connecticut

On May 15, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Section, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable with subject:

March 12, 1962, Malicious Damage,  
Arrest Location, Arsenal School, Main Street,  
Case No., S-3626, No disposition stated.

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- 1 - 108 MIG, Hartford
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NAME:	RODNEY EARL HICKS
RACE:	Negro
SEX:	Male
DATE OF BIRTH:	11/25/49
PLACE OF BIRTH:	Hartford, Connecticut
HEIGHT:	5' 7"
WEIGHT:	135 pounds
COMPLEXION:	Light Brown
EYES:	Brown, occasionally wears glasses
HAIR:	Black, curly
MARKS:	No scars or tattoos, wears moustache.

September 1, 1964, Shoplifting, Arrest Location, 960 Main Street, Address, 64 L Bellevue Street, Case No., U-17988, Associate; DONALD FREEMAN, Father, RALPH HICKS, Mother, MAE HICKS.

April 27, 1965, Purse Snatching, Arrest Location, 191 Church Street, Address, 64 L Bellevue Street, Case No., U-9208, Associates, GREGORY OWENS, LEON CRAIG.

April 22, 1966, Breaking and Entering with Criminal Intent, Larceny, (auto), Disposition, 90 days with 2 years probation.

October 2, 1966, Attempted Robbery with Violence, No Disposition stated, Hartford Police Department Photo Number 42421.

On May 21, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Clerk, Hartford, Connecticut Credit Rating Bureau, Room 500,

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RE: RODNEY EARL HICKS

25 Pratt Street, advised the records of the Bureau contained the following information identifiable with subject:

File on record since January 13, 1970.

PRESENT ADDRESS:	64 Bellevue Street
PREVIOUS ADDRESS:	28 Bellevue Street
EMPLOYER:	May 12, 1970, Roberts United Bumper Service Glastonbury, Connecticut
WIFE:	EGLIN HICKS
EMPLOYER:	Connecticut Bank & Trust Company Educational Center 38 Lewis Street
RELATIVE:	Mrs. R. HICKS 64 Bellevue Street

On July 14, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable with the subject:

Subject was born November 25, 1949 at Hartford, Connecticut. His parents are listed as RALPH and MAE HICKS. Subject withdrew from Hartford Public High School, Grade 10, on September 4, 1968, to work.

On July 14, 1970, Mr. GERALD THOMPSON, Connecticut Board of Health, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, advised a review of the records revealed subject's date of birth as November 25, 1949 at Hartford, Connecticut as reflected on birth certificate 32252.

On July 14, 1970, Mr. ROBERT BLESSING, Connecticut State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford advised a review of the records revealed subject was arrested on April 22, 1966 by the Hartford Police Department and charged with Breaking and Entering and

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Larceny of an automobile. No disposition was stated.

On July 14, 1970, Detective JERRY BURR, Hartford Police Department, advised he has no information regarding subject and no information regarding his present activities for the BPP.

On August 11, 1970, NH T-2 advised the records contained the following information for subject:

NAME:	RODNEY EARL HICKS
DATE OF REGISTRATION:	March 10, 1969
	1A - 7/8/69
	1Y - 6/16/70
SELECTIVE SERVICE #:	6 2 49 1722
SEX:	Male
HEIGHT:	5' 9"
WEIGHT:	170 pounds
HAIR:	Black
EYES:	Brown
MARITAL STATUS:	Single
ADDRESS:	64 L Bellevue Square Hartford, Connecticut
RELATIVES:	
FATHER:	RALPH D. HICKS 64 L. Bellevue Square Hartford, Connecticut
MOTHER:	MAE F. HICKS 64 L Bellevue Square Hartford, Connecticut
BROTHERS:	All reside at 64 L Bellevue Sq. RALPH D. HICKS, JR. RONALD B. HICKS JEFFERY L. HICKS
SISTER:	JULIE M. GOOSBY Cabot Street Hartford, Connecticut

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RE: RODNEY EARL HICKS

EMPLOYMENT:

Chrome Polisher  
Robert United Bumpers,  
Address not listed

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On December 21, 1970, NH T-3 advised subject resides at 64 L Bellevue Square in Hartford, Connecticut. NH T-3 advised subject is not a member of the BPP or Blackstone Rangers, nor has he been observed at the meetings of either Party.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

January 20, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 157-2039

Title RODNEY EARL HICKS

Character

Reference New Haven Memorandum, dated  
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: 1/20/71

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2039) (C)

SUBJECT: RODNEY EARL HICKS  
RM - BPP  
(OO: NEW HAVEN)

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 7 copies of a LHM, dated and captioned as above.

A copy of instant LHM is being furnished to 108th MIG, Hartford, Connecticut and U. S. Secret Service, New Haven, Connecticut.

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Location</u>
NH T-1 is Mr. JEFFREY MAYNARD 108th MIG New Haven, Connecticut	NH 157-2039-1

2 - Bureau (Encls. 8)  
 5 - New Haven (1 - 100-19186)  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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NH T-2 is Mrs. LAURA GRIGGS  
Local Board 2  
U. S. Secret Service  
Hartford, Connecticut

157-2039-4

NH T-3 is NH 641-R (PROB)

170-362-1-7

In view of no current arrest information  
for subject and source coverage, negative, no further  
investigation will be conducted and this case is  
closed.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2404

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

770 Chapel Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510  
February 17, 1971

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RE: GREGORY MILO DAVIS, also known as  
Gregory M. Davis  
Gregory Davis

On August 22, 1970, GREGORY MILO DAVIS with eight other young men some of them selling Black Panther Party (BPP) newspapers, were arrested by the Hartford Police Department, after two policemen were unable to disperse a crowd. The individuals arrested were part of a large group of young people who surrounded a traffic policeman after they had been told to disperse.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party appears in the Appendix.

On January 27, 1971, NH-T-1 advised GREGORY DAVIS is not a member of the BPP or the Blackstone Rangers. He is often observed in the North side of Hartford, Connecticut, and at Gainer's Pool Hall on Barbour St., an establishment frequented by the BPP and Blackstone Rangers. DAVIS has never been observed at meetings of the BPP or the Blackstone Rangers.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 11, 1971

On February 1, 1971, GREGORY MILO DAVIS was interviewed at his residence, 111 Manchester St., Hartford, Conn., by Special Agent CHRIS R. HOEHLE and Special Agent JAMES R. MILLEN. Both agents identified themselves to DAVIS as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the purpose of the interview regarded the activities of DAVIS in the Black Panther Party and the Blackstone Rangers. DAVIS signed the Waiver of Rights Form.

DAVIS advised he is not a member of Black Panther Party or the Blackstone Rangers, nor has he ever attended meetings of either party.

DAVIS advised on August 22, 1970, he was with an associate LIONARD McONTEE on Main St., in Hartford, Connecticut, waiting for a bus when he observed a confrontation between a group of negroes selling Black Panther Party Newspapers and two Hartford policemen. DAVIS advised he was arrested when he refused to depart the immediate area of the disturbance when requested to do so by the police.

DAVIS advised he frequents GAINER's Pool Hall, Barbour St., Hartford, Conn., for the purpose of recreation. DAVIS advised the pool hall is a local meeting place for young negroes in the North side of Hartford,

The following was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	GREGORY MILO DAVIS
DOB:	9-13-52
POB:	Hartford, Conn.
Ht:	6'1"
Wt:	225 lbs.
Build:	Heavy

On 2-1-71 at Hartford, Conn. File # 157-2404

by SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE  
SA JAMES R. MILLEN CRH:kek Date dictated 2-5-71



NH 157-2404

Complexion:  
Scars & Marks:  
Education:

Dark  
None Observed  
Completed 11th Grade,  
Weaver High School,  
Hartford, Conn.

Address:

111 Manchester St.,  
Hartford, Conn.

Employed:

Presently unemployed

SSN:

043-48-8416

Relatives:

Father:

All residing at 111 Manchester St.

LACY DAVIS, age 46, employed at  
Harry's Mobil Station,

Tower & Barbour St, Hartford, Conn.

Mother:

NANCY DAVIS, age 42, housewife

Brother:

LACY EVERETT DAVIS, age 21,

Machinist, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft  
E. Hartford, Conn.

Sister:

CYNTHIA DAVIS, age 17, Grade 11,  
Hartford Public High School

Sister:

VALARIE DAVIS, age 16, Grade 10,  
Hartford Public High School

Sister:

JANET DAVIS, age 13, Grade 8,  
Rosser Grammar School.

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also known as  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
FOR SELF DEFENSE

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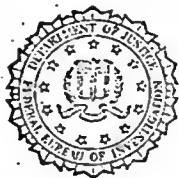
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut  
February 17, 1971

Title GREGORY MILO DAVIS, also known  
as Gregory M. Davis,  
Gregory Davis

Character

Reference Memo dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-18771)

2-17-71

SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2404) (C)

GREGORY MILO DAVIS, a aka  
Gregory M. Davis  
Gregory Davis  
RM-BPP  
OO: New Haven

Re New Haven letter and LHM captioned GREGORY MILO DAVIS, dated 1-11-71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 7 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

A copy of this LHM is being furnished to U.S. Secret Service, New Haven, Conn.

Subject is not being placed on the Security Index or Agitator Index as it has been determined by interview and contact with a source that subject is not a member of or close associate of the BPP or Blackstone Rangers.

The enclosed LHM is being classified Confidential due to information contained therein from NH-T-1, the disclosure of which could result in compromising an informant of continuing value.

Informant

NH-T-1 is ROBERT LEE RABB, JR (PRI)

Location

170-376-S1-2

It is recommended no further investigation be conducted and this case be closed. Investigation to date has revealed subject is not a member of the BPP or the Blackstone Rangers, nor is there an indication of a propensity for violence on the part of subject.

2-Bureau (enc. 8) (RM)

4-New Haven (1-157-2404)

(1-100-19186)

(1-157-1284) Blackstone Rangers

(1-157-1079) BPP-Hartford

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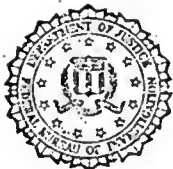
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NH 157-2404

Appropriate sources have been alerted so that investigation will be reopened on receipt of any additional data in the future.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 1890

770 Chapel Street

New Haven, Connecticut 06508

February 2, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. NH 157-2054

CURTIS W. GAINES

On May 4, 1970, Detective JOHN TELESKY, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised that CURTIS W. GAINES, 35 Sterling Street, Hartford, Connecticut is associated with either the Black Panther Party or the Blackstone Rangers. Detective TELESKY did not reveal the source of his information.

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A characterization of the Black Panther Party (BPP) appears in the appendix.

On May 20, 1970, Lieutenant JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Division, Hartford Police Department, advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable for subject:

NAME	CURTIS W. GAINES
ADDRESS	25 Sterling Street
DATE OF BIRTH	August 10, 1953
PLACE OF BIRTH	Greenville, South Carolina
RACE	Negro

- 8 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - 108th MIG, Hartford
- ① - Secret Service/DH
- ④ - New Haven
- 2 - 157-2054
- 1 - 100-19186
- ① - 157-1079

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CURTIS W. GAINES

SEX	Male
HEIGHT	5'9"
WEIGHT	145 pounds
BUILD	Medium
COMPLEXION	Dark
HAIR	Black, curly
EYES	Brown
CHARACTERISTICS	Moustache, goatee
ARREST DATE	July 22, 1969, disorderly conduct
MOTHER	MURIEL GAINES
FATHER	SAMUEL GAINES
SISTER	LEVINIA GAINES
BROTHER	RAYMOND GAINES

On May 25, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Director, Adult Records Section, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised a review of the records revealed the following information identifiable for subject:

NAME	CURTIS W. GAINES
ARREST DATE	October 31, 1969, disorderly conduct
DATE OF BIRTH	August 10, 1953 or August 10, 1958
FILE NUMBER	U-55
REGISTRATION NUMBER	50182

On May 25, 1970, Mrs. SALLY PEARL, Clerk, Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, Room 500, 25 Pratt Street, advised a review of the records revealed no information identifiable for subject or his parents.

On July 24, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Section, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, advised the records contained the following information for the subject.

CURTIS W. GAINES as of September 3, 1969 was enrolled at Hartford Public High School, grade 11. GAINES date of birth was listed as August 10, 1953, Greenville, South Carolina certified by birth certificate. Subject resides at 35 Sterling Street with his parents, SAMMY and MURIEL GAINES.

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CURTIS W. GAINES

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On August 5, 1970, Detective JERRY BURR, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department advised that he knows CURTIS GAINES to be a member of the Blackstone Rangers, in Hartford, Connecticut.

On September 10, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Records Section, Hartford Police Department advised a review of the records revealed the following information is contained in subject's arrest file since contacted on May 25, 1970:

August 28, 1970	Theft of Motor Vehicle
Address	35 Sterling Street
Date of Birth	August 10, 1953
Disposition	Guilty, fined \$50.00

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On December 11, 1970, Captain JOHN ROACH, Records Department, Hartford, Connecticut Police Department, advised a review of the records revealed no new arrest information for subject since contacted by this agent on September 10, 1970.

On December 11, 1970, Mr. WILLIAM SAXTON, Research Department, Hartford Board of Education, 229 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut advised subject, date of birth August 10, 1953, registered at Hartford Public High School on September 9, 1970 for the 1970-1971 school year, and resides at 35 Sterling Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

On December 21, 1970, NH T-1 advised subject is UNKNOWN and he could provide no information regarding subject's activities in the Black Panther Party or the Blackstone Rangers.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

770 Chapel Street  
Post Office Box 1890  
New Haven, Connecticut 06508  
February 2, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. NE 157-2054

Title CURTIS W. GAINES

Character

Reference Memorandum of New Haven dated and  
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SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2054) (P)

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RM - BPP  
OO: NEW HAVEN

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INFORMANT

NH T-1 is NH 642-R (PROB)

LOCATION

170-362 Sub 1-5

LEAD

NEW HAVEN

At Hartford, Connecticut

Will contact racial sources regarding the activities of subject.

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 8) (RM)  
④ - New Haven 2 - 157-2054  
1 - 100-19186  
① - 157-1079

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

DATE: 3-23-71

FROM : SA RICHARD C. HENRY

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
RM-BPP

On 2-18-71, CALVIN C. COLE, PRI-GHETTO, 19 Durham Street, Hartford, Conn., advised that CORNELL WRIGHT recently stated that the People's Liberation Party (PLP), in Hartford has disbanded. WRIGHT stated that this development "is not good for our party", apparently referring to the Black Panther Party in Hartford, which reportedly had formed a coalition with and received support from the PLP.

On 2-26-71, COLE advised that members of the BPP from Middletown, Conn., have been coming to Hartford to sell copies of the BPP newspaper. COLE was advised by one of those selling the papers that members of the Middletown group would be coming to Hartford regularly for that purpose.

On 3-2-71, COLE advised that TOMMY CORN is still at the Seyms Street Jail, Hartford, and has not come up for trial.

- 1- 170-240 sub1
- 1- 100-19186 (BPP)
- 1- 157-1085 (BPP MIDDLETOWN)
- ① 157-1079 (BPP HARTFORD)
- 1- 157-1268 (CORNELL WRIGHT)
- 1- 157-1755 (THOMAS CORN)
- 1- (PEOPLE'S LIBERATION PARTY)

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Robert Lee Rabb Jr.

Received by

SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE

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☐ by mail

☐ orally

☐ recording device

☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:  
Date

Date of Report

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to

Date(s) of activity

2/10/71-3/8/71

Transcribed

Authenticated  
by Informant

3/26/71

Brief description of activity or material

Activities of the Blackstone Rangers, Hartford,  
Conn. Activities of the Dynamics, a youth  
group, Charter Oak section, Hartford. Activities  
of James W. Patterson, Curtis W. Gaines,  
Leonard McIntee, Raymond Logan, Robert Rabb.

File where original is located if not attached

170-376 Sub 1-4

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VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

☐ Information recorded on a card index by

on date

Remarks:

cc: 1-100-19186 (BPP)

1-157-1079(BPP-Hartford)

1-157-1284(Blackstone Rangers, Hartford)

1-157-1311(Butch Braswell)

1-157-2053(Robert Rabb)

1-157-2057(Raymond Logan)

1-157-2405(Leonard McIntee)

1-157-2065(James Patterson)

1-157-2054(Curtis W. Gaines)

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Please index the following names:

Freddie Fernandez, 275 Mahoney Drive, Hartford  
Larry Patterson, 268 Newfield Ave., Hartford.  
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There has not been any meetings of the Blackstone Rangers at the residence of Butch Braswell, or at the Barbour Arms Apts., since the week of 2/4/71. Activities at this time in the Rangers are greatly reduced. Butch Braswell has stated because of the cold weather the members are not able to attend the meetings. Braswell is attempting to hold the Rangers together until the summer, in that he is expecting trouble in the North side of Hartford, Conn.

The Dynamics, a local group residing in the Charter Oak Section of Hartford, Conn., have not as of this date merged with the Rangers, but their leaders are in contact with Braswell regarding a merger this summer. The leaders of the Dynamics are the following individuals:

Freddie Fernandez, age 16, 275 Mahoney Drive.  
Larry Patterson, age 16, 268 Newfield Ave.  
Ralph Hightower, age 16, 19 Golden Age Drive.  
Joseph Cannon, age 15, 27 O'Neil Road.

JAMES W. PATTERSON, has never been active in the Black Panther Party. He was an associate of the Blackstone Rangers, but never had a strong position in the leadership of the Rangers. PATTERSON was last active in the Rangers during the summer of 1970. He has not been observed at any of the meetings, nor has he been observed in the presence of Ranger members.

CURTIS W. GAINES, is not a member of the Black Panther Party, but is a close associate of the Rangers. Subject has not been observed at the meetings of the Rangers at the Barbour Arms Apts., Barbour Street, but is often seen in the presence of Ranger members at Gainer's Pool Hall, 167 Barbour Street, Hartford, Conn. Gainer's is a meeting place for Rangers and Black Panther Party members.

LEONARD MCINTEE, is an associate of the Rangers, but he is not a member. Rangers often are socially affiliated with the Ranger Party without being an active inner member. MCINTEE is a heavy gambler, and can often be observed at Gainer's Pool Hall. He is a close associate of many members of the Rangers. Subject has never been a member of the Black Panther Party.

ROBERT LEE RABB JR., is an active member of the Rangers, and is a close associate of Braswell, the leader of the Rangers, and is often observed in his presence.

RAYMOND DOGAN, is not currently active in the Blackstone Rangers, but has been active in the past. Subject was last observed at a Ranger meeting during November, 1970, at which time he was only present for a few minutes and then left. He has never been active in the BPP.

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Brief description of activity or material Summary report of BPP activities 9/18/70 through 2/71.		File where original is located if not attached 170-183-S1-255
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1 - 170-183-S1-255  
1 - 100-19186 (BPP)  
1 - 157-1423 (Expulsion)  
① - 157-1079 (NCCF Hartford)  
1 - 157-1032 (NCCF BR)  
1 - 157-1418 (BPP-FIREARMS)  
1 - 157-1526 (PUBS)  
1 - 157-1508 (MEMBERSHIP)  
1 - 157-1426 (IDEOLOGY)  
1 - 157-1403 (BREAKFAST PROGRAM)  
1 - 157-1802 (MEDICAL DRIVE)  
1 - 100-20949 (ANGELA DAVIS DEFENSE COMMITTEE)  
1 - 157-1042 (TOURIST)  
1 - 157-2326 (EDIE JACKSON)  
1 - 157-1609 (BRASWELL)  
1 - 157-1458 (ROBERT WHITE)  
1 - 157-1310 (BRUCE RYLES)  
1 - 157-2186 (LOTTIE BROWN)  
1 - 157-2514 (ROBERSON)  
1 - 157-2347 (MEALIY)  
1 - 157-1316 (DOUG MIRANDA)

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The following information pertains to Black Panther Party (BPP) activities throughout the State of Connecticut for the period of 9/18/70 through February, 1971, and is as follows:

BPP ORGANIZATION AND EXPULSIONS

The Black Panther Party as of February, 1971, is located with headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut, and with one affiliate group in operation in Middletown, Connecticut. Membership in general has dropped throughout the State. The NCCF Chapters in Bridgeport and Hartford have been closed by decree of BPP National Headquarters. However, efforts to re-establish the NCCF in Hartford are presently under way. Instructions have come out of New Haven setting forth certain requirements for the NCCF Headquarters in Hartford.

EDIE JACKSON has set these requirements forth as follows:

- (1) Headquarters must be a brick building.
- (2) RICHARD BRASWELL is to be contacted concerning transportation and protection. BRASWELL will act as the head of the NCCF in Hartford. ROBERT WHITE and ALLEN SMITH will assist him.

ALLEN resides with EMILY WHITE on Suffield Street and they are to marry soon.

BRUCE RYLES and LOTTIE BROWN desire reinstatement into the Party; however, the Party will have nothing to do with them.

- (3) If BRASWELL accepts a written contract, the BPP will furnish bail bond money.

- (4) The NCCF in Hartford will not carry weapons, will not be arrested, will not use marijuana, nor recruit members who do use drugs. Drugs are grounds for immediate

expulsion and no juvenile under eighteen will be accepted in membership. Efforts to establish the NCCF will commence immediately.

The NCCF will handle 1,000 copies of the BPP newspaper which will be coordinated through a Panther named WILLIAM WEAVER.

The BPP in Connecticut has been the victim of several expulsions by National Headquarters; most recently MARSHA ROBERSON and ROSEMARY MEALEY have been formally expelled which was published in the BPP newspaper. ROBERT WELL reportedly was expelled from the Party. However, due to WEBB's extremely militant attitude and dedication to the BPP, it is felt that WEBB is presently working underground or abroad for the Party. WEBB has not been observed in the New Haven area for several weeks.

THOMAS CORN was formally expelled for failing to return money to the Party.

#### BPP PUBLICATIONS

The Black Panther Party in Connecticut will continue to handle 3,000 copies of the Black Panther; Hartford will handle 1,000 copies; Wesleyan-Middletown will handle 500 copies; copies will be furnished in Waterbury, Conn.; also 500 copies will be handled by UCONN. A small distribution will be made in Springfield.

The Black Panther has recently expelled the New York 21 for their involvement with the Weathermen Organization. The Weathermen reportedly have a branch somewhere in South Windsor, Connecticut. The said RY~~202~~ previously stated that this group of Weathermen had recently liberated some guns. However, no amplifying information has been obtained to verify this fact.

#### BLACK PANTHER PARTY - MEMBERSHIP

The leadership and membership of the Black Panther Party as of February, 1971 consists of JAMES BUBBER YOUNG, Defense Captain for the State of Connecticut, DARYL OVERTON, DARYLL PENDERGRASS, and EDDY JACKSON, ELISE BROWN, and FRANCIS CARTER are also still active in New Haven. RICHY LEEK, a new arrival is now handling communications and covering the trial. LEEK does not reside at 35 Sylvan Avenue, however, his address is not known at this time. There are three young girls presently assisting the Panthers at 35 Sylvan, however, their exact position in the party is unknown at this time. There is also a 45 year old negro female, brown skin, staying at 35 Sylvan Avenue. There are also two young children staying at 35 Sylvan Avenue, one belonging to EDDY JACKSON. ARTIE SEAL has not been seen in New Haven since last October. The BPP in New Haven is not active in education and training at this time since recent membership shakeups, the party is low in funds, they tightened up on securities, and they have very little support from their collision groups.

#### NEW HEADQUARTERS

The Black Panther Party in New Haven is attempting to relocate somewhere on Dixwell Avenue. They have looked at one house at 259 Dixwell Avenue and are attempting to make financial arrangements to purchase this house.

Their present headquarters at 35 Sylvan Avenue is completely inhabitable.

The BPP -

To date no Panthers from the New Haven area has been invited to attend the Ideological Institute in California. The BPP in New Haven continues to perpetuate the "intercommunilism" of HEWEY NEWTON and an understanding of this philosophy is required by all Black Panthers Members. ROBERT WEBB previously was the best versed of all the Black Panthers as far as philosophy and ideology. The Black Panther Party in New Haven has discussed bringing DOUGLAS MIRANDA back to New Haven since he is considered the "best organizer" in the Black Panther Party to date.

The BPP Breakfast Program

As of February, 1971, the Panther Breakfast Program is almost extinct. A few children are still being fed in conjunction with the normal breakfast on the part of the Panther membership, however, no formal breakfast program still exists. The Panthers still are attempting to raise money under the title of Free Breakfast Program.

#### THE PEOPLE'S FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

The Panthers have setup a People's Medical Clinic at 27 Dixwell Avenue. Inside this building, they have setup tables and chairs. FRANCIS CARTER presently heads up the clinic program and maintains the office.

JAMES BUBBER YOUNG is presently in charge of the BPP in Connecticut, however, YOUNG does not appear to know what is going on and does not possess real leadership quality. YOUNG is more or less a figurehead.

### Concerning the Black Panther Mail

The mail is normally picked up by different members of the party and immediately taken to the second floor at 35 Sylvan Avenue, where it is kept in a locked room. It is not normally available to outsiders. The BPP at 35 Sylvan Avenue no longer has any printing machines located there. The copies of "Black Panther" are now being delivered to UCCNN, approximately 500 per week to a (last name unknown) at the Afro American House on the UCCNN Campus. These papers are normally paid by a male. BOBBY SEALE allegedly is very upset over the fact that the BPP has not reformed in Hartford, Connecticut, in view of the large ghetto area there. The Hartford ANGELA DAVIS Defense Committee reportedly is on its way out at the present time, there is only one weapon, a shotgun, at 35 Sylvan Avenue. The BPP in New Haven is not supporting LARRY TOWNSEND nor the Townsend's Defense Committee, Westport, Connecticut. TOWNSEND reportedly was busted 18 times in six months.

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FROM: SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY  
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New BPP Headquarters, 259 Dixwell Ave.

Activities of BIG MAN HOWARD and JAMES BUBBA  
YOUNG.

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1-157-1079  
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The Black Panther Party continues to work on fortifying its new headquarters at 259 Dixwell Avenue. ELBERT BIG MAN HOWARD will meet with BRUCE RYLES from Hartford on April 9, 1971. HOWARD intends to reorganize the NCCF. He is not happy with LOTTIE BROWN and does not want her to have anything to do with the new construction. ~~RICHARD~~ BRAZWELL is also well liked by HOWARD but must stop recruiting young kids from Hartford. JOHN SEALE has gone from the New Haven area, place unknown. ELBERT BIG MAN HOWARD and AUDREA JONES seem to be running the New Haven Chapter. JOHN TURNER is continuing his efforts to radicalize the local campuses. The Panthers intend to remove the sand bags from 35 Sylvan Avenue but have not done so to date. The Panthers have placed bolts on the new front door and intend to clean up the back yard at 259 Dixwell Avenue. They have a full grown German Shepherd and a young German Shepherd puppy running loose in the back yard for security reasons. All Panthers are required to sell the newspapers. A plumber and electrician are needed at the new headquarters drastically. The Panthers have new telephone number 787-2949 at 259 Dixwell Avenue. HOWARD has a girlfriend who lives on Judson Street. ~~REH~~ ~~LEAH~~ BUBBA YOUNG almost got arrested by the Yale Campus Police for stealing, but were able to talk their way out of it.

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BPP activities in New Haven, Ct. Info re  
the "Black Panther" newspaper published  
in NYC and distributed throughout the east.

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1-157- (BPP-Pubs)

1-Newark (info)  
1-Philadelphia (info)  
1-Boston (info)

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1-100-19186 (BPP)  
1-170-183-S1-269  
1-157-1897 (BUBBAYOUNG)  
1-157-1255 (ELISE BROWN)  
1-157-1802 (MEDICAL CLINIC)  
1-157-1860 (JOHN SALE)  
1-157-1353 (HEWITT)  
1-157-2655 (LEAK)  
1-157-1470 (WEAVER)  
1-157-1526 (PUBS)  
1-157-1085 (BPP\*Middletown)  
1-157-1079 (HARTFORD)

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On March 26, 1971, arrangements were made for a meeting with JAMES BUBBA YOUNG, the present leader of the Black Panther Party (BPP) in New Haven, Connecticut. Information was developed to reflect that the BPP will move on April 2, or 3, 1971, from their present headquarters, 35 Sylvan Avenue, to a new location somewhere on Dixwell Avenue. The BPP will remove all sandbags from 35 Sylvan Avenue, and will place them apparently at their new headquarters. (c)

A young Negro female named CHARLENE (LNU), age 15 to 16, is presently working for the BPP in New Haven. ELISE BROWN is handling the typing of reports concerning the BPP in New Haven, which go to National. These reports are sent to New York by hand, and then flown in person to the West Coast. (c)

The medical center continues to operate at 127 Dixwell Avenue.

JOHN SEALE and RAYMOND "MASAI" HEWITT are now in New Haven and appear to be in a leadership position.

On Thursday, March 25, 1971, RICHEY LEAKE, and a man named WEAVER, travelled to the Corona New York Office to pick up copies of the BPP Newspaper. At 7:30 they travelled through Brooklyn on their way to the Panther's Headquarters in order to pick up New Haven copies. Thirty-seven bundles, carrying 500 papers apiece were picked up by New Haven to be later distributed to New Haven, which includes Middletown, and UCONN, and the rest go to Boston. Middletown reportedly handles 200 papers, some of which would be sold in Hartford, Connecticut. All together the East Coast publishes and handles 5,900 papers (March 27, 1971, edition, Volume 6, number 9), a portion of these were taken to La Guardia Airport to be transported by air to New Orleans and Mississippi, town unknown. Another portion were taken to John F. Kennedy Airport, destined for Detroit, Cleveland, Toledo, via United Airlines. New Jersey and (c)

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March 26, 1971

Philadelphia copies were placed on a truck. Two cars and a truck were utilized in picking up the newspapers. The stationwagon went first, followed by the truck, followed by a second car. The lead car was driven by a woman, and six males all of whom had weapons as well as those persons in the rear car. The Panthers were expecting trouble from the Cleaver Faction. SAM NAPIER was in control. NAPIER spent Thursday night in a New York City pad on Jones Street. With NAPIER were two unknown girls and an individual named OMAR. The papers were late because of the fact they were not paid for before hand by the BPP. NAPIER has been staying at the pad on Jones Street, which is housed on West Fourth Street, Apartment 4B (#6). This apartment is small and has two mattresses on the floor and a few chairs. There are some books. A girl named CORLIS GARNER also spent the night in this apartment.

There is another BPP pad nearby which is inhabited by TYSON, and where RICHEY LEAKE spent the night of March 25, 1971. LEAKE also spent sometime at the distribution headquarters on North Boulevard.

NAPIER was extremely cautious and ordered a guard to remain near the door with a shotgun. RICHEY LEAKE reportedly got hurt while picking up the papers by a forklift. (c)

JOHN SEALE reportedly is here to check things out and to get New Haven organized in support of his brother, BOBBY SEALE. BUBBA is to check Hartford, Connecticut out and has invited persons to Hartford for political education classes on Sunday, March 28, 1971.

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NEW HAVEN, DEATH OF ROBERT WEBB, HEALTH

CENTER, 27 Dixwell Ave.

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1-157-1310 (BRUCE RYLES)  
1-157-1247 (PHIL WRIGHT)  
1-157-2116 (GROSS)  
1-157-2450 (OVERTON)  
1-157-2655 (LEAK)  
1-157- (CHUCKY JACKSON)  
1-157-1143 (CARTER)  
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March 14, 1971 Jc

On Friday evening, March 12, 1971, Black Panther Party members from Connecticut travelled to New York. Efforts to determine the killer of ROBERT WEBB have proven negative; however, there reportedly were two witnesses to the actual murder. WAYNE RYLES and WEAVER travelled to New York to obtain literature. There is a group in Hartford, Connecticut which favors the Black Panther Party and which intends to go on a "camping trip into the mountains". BRUCE RYLES is attempting to regroup in Hartford. GREG GREENE, LOTTIE BROWN, CRAIG JOHN and PHILLIP WRIGHT will not accept BRUCE RYLES' leadership. (c)

In New Haven, Connecticut, the only Panthers who remain are ROSEMARY GROSS, BILLY OVERTON, RICHIE LEAK, CHUCK JACKSON and FRANCIS CARTER. ELISE BROWN is now residing on Congress Avenue. JAMES BUBBA YOUNG is in California and may not return to New Haven. ROSEMARY GROSS took part in the Black Panther Party rally on March 13, 1971 and cautioned demonstrators to stay away from the courthouse and not get busted. (c)

PAT GALLYOT spoke at that rally and was instrumental in collecting the food for the Black Panther Party. The food collected was transported to the Black Panther Party headquarters at 35 Sylvan Avenue for use by the Black Panther Party. The Panther Health Center, 27 Dixwell, New Haven is being used as an office.

The Panthers were extremely upset over the fact that the May 13th rally was predominately supported by whites. The Black Panther Party was not happy with JOHN FROINES speech. A large number of leaflets still remain at 27 Dixwell.

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SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1418) (P)

5/17/71

SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY

BLACK PANTHER PARTY - FIREARMS  
RM - BPP

Re: Butels to New Haven, and New York, 8/28/70.  
New Haven let to Bureau, 11/9/70.

For the information of all recipients presently investigating organizations or members for the BPP or its various front groups, the bureau has continually requested that investigation be conducted concerning the possession and use of firearms and other weapons on the part of the Black Panther Party and its membership. The canvas of various business establishments in the New Haven area, has been completed and the liaison has been set up with these persons selling firearms to walk-in customers. These business establishments report on a regular basis concerning the purchase of firearms by known members of the Black Panther Party or suspicious persons believed to be members of this group.

It is requested that continuous efforts be made in Bridgeport, Hartford, and Middletown, Ct., to obtain information concerning the Black Panther Party and specifically possession and use of firearms. It should be kept in mind that the following information is necessary:

1. Purchaser
2. Date of Purchase
3. Type of Weapon
4. Make
5. Model

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6. Caliber or gage
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Positive information should be furnished to 157-1418. In addition concerning information re stockpiling of weapons should be furnished to 52-1677.

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At Bridgeport, Ct.

Will review present situation for possession of firearms on the part of the x-members of the NCCF-Bridgeport, Ct.

At Hartford, Ct.

Will review information furnished previously concerning possession of firearms on the part of x-members of the NCCF-Hartford.

At Middletown, Ct.

Will remain alert for information concerning possession of firearms on the part of membership in the RPCCIC.

At New Haven, Ct.

Will continue to remain alert for possession of firearms on the part of BPP, New Haven.

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1-157-1470 (WEAVER)  
1-157-2778 (COATES)  
1-157-2450 (OVERTON)  
1-157-1897 (YOUNG)  
1-157-2655 (LEAK)  
1-157-1418 (FIREARMS)  
1-100-20971 (FREED)  
1-157-2814 (ELLA)  
1-157-1079 (NCCF-HARTFORD)  
1-176-1 (DELLINGER)  
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The BPP continued their "vigil" on the New Haven green. Nothing happened on 5-20-71. ELBERT "BIG MAN" HOWARD stayed out of the way today. On 5-19-71 the following individuals were assigned to security: TIMMY THOMPSON

MICHAEL LNU (from Balt. 17yrs)

COATES (from Balt.)

BILLY OVERTON

WM WEAVER (C)

JAMES "BUBBA" YOUNG is utilizing one of the four walkie talkies. One is out of order and they all need new batteries. STEVE LNU, a white male is under suspicion of being an informant. STUART, w/m late 20's and ARTHUR LNU w/m late thirties are also being watched. They help set up sound equipment. (C)

DONALD FREED is working as public relations man for the BPP. ORLANDO ROSA from Hartford was in the crowd on the green on 5-19-71. He is no longer with any group. Only AUDREA JONES and TIMMY THOMPSON know the telephone number of DON FREED. BIG MAN may be sleeping at FREED's house on WILLIAMS ST. (53). ROSEMARI MEALEY is in from Philadelphia with nine others, including two white girls. They are staying at PAT GALLYOT's at 11 JUDSON St., New Haven. The five people from BALTIMORE are here for awhile to help strengthen the New Haven Chapter. (C)

The BPP in New Haven feel sure that SEALE will be acquitted. MARTY KEENER is in New Haven. White radicals living at 9 Mill St. New Haven furnished sound equipment. This house has a green porch. 4 fellows and three girls are living there. RICHARD LEAK is looking for transportation to pick up the papers in N.Y. TYSON from N.Y. was here on 5-19-71 and has returned to NY. He is driving a Ford station wagon, 1969 or 1970.

The BPP may open a NCCF information center in Hartford. WM WEAVER will set it up and ELLA and SHARON COLES have hopes of going to Hartford. AUDREA JONES was in court on 5-20-71. (C)

The BPP in New Haven have acquired three 12 gauge shot guns and these are located on the second floor, in the room over the entrance. JERRY RUBIN, ABBIE HOFFMAN and RENNIE DAVIS were supposed to come to New Haven to help in the Vigil but have not shown up as of yet. (C)

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June 3, 1971

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186)

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)  
NEW HAVEN DIVISION  
POSSIBLE GUN LAW VIOLATIONS  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference: Bureau airtel 5/17/71, captioned, "NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT, STATE FIREARMS CONTROL ASSISTANCE ACT, UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OR RECEIPT OF FIREARMS, RACIAL MATTERS."

A detailed resume of all pertinent gun law violations referred to in referenced airtel has been furnished to all agents in order to insure that every effort is devoted to developing prosecutable violations within our investigative jurisdiction.

At present the black extremist organizations within the New Haven Division are broken down as follows:

BPP - New Haven, Connecticut

Recently moved to new headquarters at 259 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, and appears to be in a state of flux right now following the unsuccessful efforts of the State of Connecticut to prosecute Bobby Seale and Ericka Huggins and the subsequent release of these individuals from custody. NH 591-R is in almost daily contact with New Haven BPP headquarters and he has reported that there are at least two shot guns maintained in the headquarters at present. This informant has been given the specific assignment of securing the serial numbers of these weapons so that appropriate action can be instituted in developing a prosecutable violation. To date we have been unable to isolate any members of the

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BPP in New Haven in such a position which would successfully lend itself to a prosecution under any of the various gun control acts. Every effort to do so will be expended in the future with particular emphasis upon providing our informants with appropriate guidance in this respect.

In addition, we have established and enjoy excellent liaison with the New Haven Police Department and hopefully can exploit this liaison in order to isolate a panther in a situation where he would be in violation of these gun laws. Every effort will be made along these lines.

BPP - Hartford, Connecticut

The Panthers formerly operated an NCCF Chapter at Hartford which has been defunct since late 1970. NH 591-R, referred to above, resides in the Hartford area and has been requested by ELBERT "BIG MAN" HOWARD to attempt to rejuvenate the NCCF in Hartford. Informant is being guided very closely to insure that he does not in effect place himself in position of establishing and guiding an NCCF Chapter and we anticipate utilizing him in a secondary capacity if in fact the NCCF is successful in re-establishing itself in Hartford. Individuals formerly affiliated with the NCCF in Hartford in effect were a loose federation of young negro hoodlums who while undoubtedly black nationalists and extremists, used their extremist cover as a license to steal and participate in all forms of organized and unorganized violence. At present there is a loosely organized group known as the Blackstone Rangers comprised of these young negro hoodlums in the Hartford area. Information has been reported regarding the possession of weapons and explosives on the part of numerous individuals affiliated with this group and numerous court actions have been instituted against them by the local Hartford authorities. The authorities have not enjoyed any significant success and prosecutions have been few and far between, however.

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NH 591-R as well as several other probationary and ghetto informants have been specifically targeted to develop evidentiary information regarding violations of the various gun laws on behalf of the former NCCF members and Blackstone Rangers in Hartford.

We enjoy the same excellent liaison in Hartford as in New Haven and hope to be able to develop cases with the cooperation and assistance of the local police.

BPP - Bridgeport, Connecticut

An NCCF Chapter, now defunct, formerly functioned in Bridgeport. At present there is a hard core of black extremists in the Bridgeport area who function under the leadership of LAWRENCE TOWNSEND, who is presently free on \$125,000 bond on charges of assault with intent to kill a police officer, and who is also under indictment for Federal gun law violation which was instituted by the ATFD. This indictment arose out of TOWNSEND's possession of a firearm at the time of an arrest. NH 577-R has ingratiated himself with TOWNSEND and has been specifically targeted toward developing a prosecutable gun law violation against TOWNSEND and his associates.

In line with the above comments regarding New Haven and Hartford, TOWNSEND has expressed himself vocally as being in violent opposition to HUEY NEWTON, however, no information has been developed regarding any affiliation with the so-called CLEAVER group. In effect, while Bridgeport has this hard core of black extremists, they cannot be characterized as affiliates of the BPP at this time.

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BPP - Middletown, Connecticut

The Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention Information Center (RPCCIC) is a Panther-oriented affiliate which functions in the Middletown, Connecticut area. Through former NH 641-R (PROB), numerous reports were received regarding the possession of members of this group of weapons and explosives. To date we have not been able to isolate a member of this group in possession of weapons or explosives or develop sufficient evidence which would warrant instituting prosecutive action against this group. NH 641-R (PROB) was discontinued recently on his entrance into the military, however, we have several other likely prospects under development who are being targeted toward developing positive information regarding possible gun law violations which can be invoked against this group in line with our comments enumerated above regarding other cities in Connecticut.

New Haven will make every effort to exploit the prosecutive potential of the above-mentioned gun law statutes.

SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1418) (P)

6/16/71

SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY

BLACK PANTHER PARTY -  
FIREARMS  
RACIAL MATTER

Re: Buairtel to Albany, et al, 5/17/71,  
captioned, "National Firearms Act."

The Bureau has advised by referenced communication that there is a lack of successful criminal prosecutions involving gun law violations arising during the course of our racial matters investigations and specifically in our dealings with the Black Panther Party. To date there has been several allegations to reflect that the BPP and its membership, is in the State of Connecticut, has been in possession of weapons. Such situations constitute a federal violation within our secondary jurisdiction. Specific details concerning information regarding possible gun law violations statutes are contained in the manual of instructions, Volume 3, Section 74. Such violations require the following investigative procedure:

1. Active investigation should be immediately conducted, during Bureau investigations of racial matters such as the BPP, etc.
2. Every agent should immediately ascertain whether or not the firearms in question which is in possession of a subject was transported interstate and whether or not this weapon meets the definition of a firearms by the National Firearms Act.
3. If a violation is found to be present, the regional Office of the Internal Revenue Service should be asked to determine whether the firearm in question has been appropriately registered, and its transfer recorded. If in

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this case, prosecution is contemplated, WFO should be requested to further verify the failure of the subject to prove registration and legal transfer by inquiry at the headquarters of the IRS in Washington.

4. If ammunition is being considered, the particular ammunition under investigation should be carefully described to make certain it meets the requirements of the ammunition section of the State Firearms Control Assistance Act.

The BPP is presently active in some capacity in the cities of New Haven, Hartford, Middletown, and Bridgeport, Ct. Members and leaders previously and/or presently affiliated with the BPP offer potential for violations of the Firearms Act. All agents are requested to review their local situations and remain alert for possible violations in the future.

SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186)

8/18/71

SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY

BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
EXTREMIST MATTERS - BPP

Re: Bureau airtel to Atlanta, et al  
dated 8/9/71.

In the recent past the Bureau has been advised of several instances in which BPP members have been involved in robberies. BPP activities have indicated they return to crime during financial crises. The Bureau has requested that this faction of BPP activity be followed aggressively so that our intelligence responsibilities might be fulfilled. All BPP informants and sources should be alerted for information concerning proposed or past criminal activities by the BPP. It is noted that on 8/11/71, NH 900-PRI advised that TIMMY THOMPSON and BILLY OVERTON attempted to obtain donations from Eddie's Grocery on Newhall St., New Haven. Upon being denied donations, these Panthers attempted to case the store for a possible future robbery. This source is following this matter closely.

In view of the above, all sources should be contacted in view of the Panther's present financial situation which is quite serious in New Haven. Where positive information is developed, liaison with local law enforcement agencies should be continued and they should be made aware of any possible criminal activity on the part of the BPP. In addition, pertinent information involving policies or activities of BPP headquarters, affiliated branches, or the BPP CLEAVER faction, should be expeditiously disseminated.

LEAD

AT BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT, AND HARTFORD AND MIDDLETOWN

Will contact appropriate sources re above.

1 - 100-19186  
1 - 157-1032 (BPP, Bridgeport)  
1 - 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford)  
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BPP benefit dance, Cotton Club, 8/15/71.

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No additional dissemination being made of this report  
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1 - 157-3897 (JAMES "BUBBA" YOUNG)  
1 - 157-1143 (FRANCES CARTER)  
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1 - 157-2720 (GUSSIE PHENEUS)  
1 - 157-New (EDDIE WILLIAMS)  
1 - 157-1194 (JOE WASHINGTON)  
1 - 157-1431 (BPP Funds)  
1 - 157-741 (GEORGE EDWARDS)  
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The Black Panther Party (BPP) held a benefit dance on Sunday evening, August 15, 1971, at the Cotton Club, 843 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Conn. This dance commenced at 6:15 p.m. Tickets were taken by GUSSE PHENEOS at the door of the Cotton Club. Approximately 120 persons attended this dance. Three bands took part and food was served. The Panthers collected \$2.50 and \$3.00 per person. A person named EDDIE WILLIAMS, recently a BPP member from Hartford, Conn., and two others from Hartford, were at this dance. FRANCES CARTER was also at the dance. CARTER reportedly is expecting a child on or about September 14, 1971. JAMES "BUBBA" YOUNG reportedly is the father of this child. ANN BROWN, a member of the BPP, was also at this dance. JOE WASHINGTON, who reportedly left the New Haven area for New York was at the dance with an attractive girl friend (not his wife). It is not known whether he was just here for the weekend. The dance is for the benefit of the "People's Survival Program." The Hartford Panthers stated they do not have a headquarters in Hartford, and there are signs of financial trouble here.

BILLY OVERTON was also at the dance and helped serve food. GEORGE EDWARDS assisted also. ANN BROWN's brother RONALD BROWN, who lives in the same building as FRANCES CARTER on Goodrich St., was also at the dance. BROWN reportedly is sympathetic to the Panthers, but not a member.

An unidentified female named LORRAINE LNU, who lives across the street from 259 Dixwell Ave., and who may be a member of the BPP, attended this dance. LORRAINE is described as 35 years of age, light skinned, and a thin build. The dance broke up around 11:00 p.m. without incident.

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ATTN: SA GRICKIS

8/26/71

SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY

RICKIE (LNU)  
EM - BPP

A review of special indices concerning BPP information furnished by NH 605-R reflects the following information concerning a RICKIE (LNU).

On 2/12/71, NH 605-R advised that GENE (possibly GENE LANG of Middletown, Conn.,) was in contact with JAMES BUBBA YOUNG, BPP, New Haven. GENE stated that he would be down (to New Haven) tomorrow morning (2/13/71) and that he would bring RICKIE down then since they are on their way to New York.

On 2/11/71 source advised that JAMES BUBBA YOUNG, BPP New Haven, was in contact with GENE. YOUNG requested who was going to be sent down to New Haven and GENE stated that he was sending RICKIE. YOUNG stated okay and advised that he would send GARY (possibly GARY BUMBUS) back up there and then it would be an even trade.

LEADS

At New Haven, Conn.

Will contact BPP sources concerning identity of RICKIE (LNU).

At Middletown, Conn.

Will attempt to identify RICKIE (LNU), possibly a close associate of GENE LANG.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI 105-165706-32

DATE: 8-19-71

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO 157-3043

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY - NEW HAVEN

EM

Information excerpted below was received on date indicated from SF 3259-R. Source reports on activity at Black Panther Party (BPP), San Francisco Chapter Headquarters, 1336 and 1336-1/2 Fillmore St., San Francisco, California.

The BPP is a violence-prone black militant organization headquartered in Oakland, California, with chapters located throughout the United States.

This informant provides information which must be paraphrased to protect his identity and classified for national security purposes when disseminated outside the Bureau.

This serial must be maintained only in headquarters cities and Seat of Government and is not to be transmitted to Resident Agencies.

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BILLY O., New Haven, to LEONARD ~~Donna~~ for PAULINE ~~Donna~~ LEONARD said said that PAULINE IS ~~FEELS~~ not there. BILLY said he sent \$89. but hadn't yet received the money from Hartford and Middleton, Connecticut. As soon as that money comes in he said he would send it. BILLY said they have 125 papers left out of the 1500 they received from the 2500 they originally ordered. BILLY said that the phones at the office are cut off so anyone calling must call the health center. BILLY sa id they owe about \$1000. LEONARD said he would have PAULINE call.

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The above information furnished by San Francisco reflects extensive activity on the part of the BPP to distribute their national publication throughout the state of Conn. including New Haven, Hartford, and Middletown. In addition, specific information concerns BPP finances as well as the involvement of BILLY OVERTON is included in this information. Therefore the following leads are being set forth:

AT HARTFORD, CONN.

Will contact NH 591-E re above and determine BPP influence within the Hartford area (number of papers sold, persons selling, and distribution centers).

AT MIDDLETOWN, Conn.

Will continue efforts to develop sources in the Middletown-Wesleyan area.

Will attempt to determine amount of BPP influence as set forth above.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Will report above information concerning BPP finances in next financial summary.

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1 - 157-2450 (BILLY OVERTON)

2 - 157-1085 (BPP, Middletown, Attn. SA JERRY D. MC KINNEY and SA RICHARD C. HENRY)

1 - 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford, Attn. SA JOHN A. DANAHY)

1 - 157-1431 (Funds, Attn. SA JOHN R. QUINN)

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
INTERCOMMUNAL COMMITTEES  
INTERCOMMUNAL SURVIVAL COMMITTEES  
EXTREMIST MATTERS

Information has been received that Bobby Seale, national Chairman of the Black Panther Party (BPP), recently issued instructions concerning formation of Intercommunal Committees and Intercommunal Survival Committees by BPP.

Intercommunal Committees are to be composed of white persons in predominantly white sections of metropolitan areas. These committees are to operate under strict guidance of BPP and their function will be to collect food, clothing and funds to be provided BPP.

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cc: 1-152-1078 (Danaher)  
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Airtel to Atlanta et al.  
Re: Black Panther Party  
Intercommunal Committees  
Intercommunal Survival Committees

Intercommunal Survival Committees are to be composed of black persons in predominantly black residential areas whose function will be to distribute the various items collected by the whites to needy blacks in their areas.

Be alert to the formation of either of the above-described committees and promptly furnish all information concerning their activities and individuals involved to Bureau and San Francisco by LHM.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2962)

DATE: 12/14/71

FROM : SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY - BPP CLEAVER FACTION  
EM - BPP

Re: Bureau airtel to Albany, dated 10/14/71, et al.

The Cleaver Faction of the BPP has emerged recently as a most violent and lawless group, whose terrorist tactics must not be underestimated. Recent publications of "Right On!" and "Babylon", Cleaver publications out of New York, have served as a forewarning that assassinations, kidnappings and insurrections are planned by these extremists, who are simply waiting until they have the capability for the execution of such crimes. An analysis of the activities of the Cleaver Faction indicates that kidnapping of prominent citizens to secure the release of "political prisoners" must be considered a definite potential tactic. Recent information has indicated that Cleaver Factions may be in their early formative stages within the State of Connecticut. The RPCCIC in Middletown, Conn., may eventually evolve into a pro-Cleaver group advocating violence and urban guerrilla warfare. Recent efforts were made to organize and sell the Cleaver publications, "Right On!" in Waterbury, Conn. Bridgeport, which has always been closely affiliated with the New Haven-Newton group, may also eventually evolve into a Cleaver Faction. The proximity of Connecticut to New York City, the center of Cleaver activities, indicates future possibilities for the Cleaver organization.

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All recipients are to remain continuously alert for the participation of Cleaverites on campuses and organizations within your areas for extremist speeches by KATHERINE CLEAVER, et al.

All agents are to have their extremist and ghetto informants alerted for the above possibilities. The Cleaver Faction members are known to be transient and an underground network is believed already to be loosely organized. Sources should be developed and directed now, before a crisis arises, and during the formative stages of Cleaver factions, to report on their activities and to prevent "terrorist acts" before they are put into action.

The Bureau has requested to be promptly advised of any Cleaver Faction activities and has also solicited suggestions for the improvement of our coverage in these areas. Such suggestions should be promptly submitted to the Bureau and considered under above caption.



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TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

DATE: 2/15/72

FROM : SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)  
EM - BPP

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On this date, NH 900-E, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Black Panther Party has a new pad at 12 Cassius St., Second Floor, off Howard Ave. This pad is occupied by FRANCIS CARTER and GUSSIE PHENEOS together with county worker LARRY WILLIAMS. JAMES BUBBA YOUNG is no longer in New Haven as of Saturday, 2/12/72. His exact whereabouts is unknown.

Source advised that STEVE LONG, GEORGE EDWARDS, LINTONIA SHEPPARD, CHUCKIE JACKSON, TIMMY THOMPSON, BILLY OVERTON are all residing at BPP headquarters, 259 Dixwell Ave.

Source advised that LARRY WILLIAMS and ROBERT JAMES travel on some Wednesdays to sell newspapers in Middletown, Ct. They normally sell about 150 copies. The New Haven Panthers normally travel to New York on Wednesday nights to pick up 2,000 copies of the BPP newspaper. Three hundred of these go to Hartford, Ct. The party has been selling almost all of the 2,000 copies per week. FRANCIS CARTER is against ~~armed violence~~ in the party and runs a Day Care Center for 5 or 6 kids, 12 Cassius St. The bussing program which buses people to prison continues every other Saturday. An unidentified white female preacher took a group last Saturday. The Breakfast program continues to feed 30 to 35 kids per day and goes from 6am to 9 am when the kids are bused to various schools. The Panthers are now using a

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1970 Ford Falcon Station Wagon, yellow in color, which is registered to a GEORGE PILLSBURY, a friend of the Panthers. The Panthers normally clean their headquarters from 9 until 11, then they go out in the field to sell papers. They return around 5 in the afternoon and conduct political education classes.

On 2/14/72, STEVE LONG followed LARRY WILLIAMS as part of their security program. WILLIAMS reportedly is under discipline for not reporting his whereabouts to the Panther Headquarters. (C)

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Director, FBI

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SAC, New Haven (157-1079)

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY,  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
EM - BPP

Re Bureau Form 0-1 3/14/72 captioned "NCCF, Hartford,  
Conn., EM."

The NCCF Chapter at Hartford, Connecticut, has been  
defunct since late 1970. Since that time there have been  
several comments made by BPP leaders, including ELBERT  
"BIG MAN" HOWARD and JAMES "BUBBA" YOUNG, to NH 591-E  
concerning attempts to rejuvenate the NCCF in Hartford.  
To date no positive steps have been taken in this respect. (c)

Investigation in recent months reveals that BPP activities  
in Hartford are generally restricted to the sale of the  
Panther newspaper by BRUCE RYLES. This matter is being  
followed closely and any information regarding any resumption  
of NCCF or organized BPP activities in Hartford will be  
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